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PALM BEACH - After much anticipation, yesterday, Friday, November 22, 2013, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C. introduced its sixth luxury resort in the exclusive Caribbean & Mexico portfolio with the opening of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba. Situated on the island's pristine Palm Beach, the eagerly anticipated oceanfront hotel officially welcomes its first guests while ushering in a new level of luxury travel experiences to the beauti-

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With possible deal in reach:

Kerry, Russian FM join Iran nuclear talks

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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry and foreign ministers of other major powers lent their weight to the Iran nuclear talks after envoys reported progress Friday in marathon negotiations to curb the Iranian program in return for limited sanctions relief. After a third day of talks,

Union diplomat Catherine Ashton had made progress on a key sticking point — Iran's claim to a right to produce nuclear fuel through uranium enrichment. Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in Geneva as saying that Iran's right to uranium enrichment must be part of any deal.

trying to hammer out a nuclear deal. In style and substance they are an extension of the historic dialogue opened during September's annual U.N. gathering, which included a 15-minute phone conversation between President Barack Obama and Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani. The nuclear negotiations have included intensive

country would never compromise on "red lines." Since then Tehran has publicly reverted to its original stance — that the six powers must recognize uranium enrichment as Iran's right, despite strong opposition by Israel and within the U.S. Congress. Still, comments from Iranian officials in Geneva indicated that reverting to tough



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrives for talks on Iran's nuclear program at the airport in Geneva Switzerland, Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. Six world powers and Iran have narrowed gaps on a deal to curb Tehran's nuclear program in return for suspended sanctions, but diplomats said that a full consensus was still lacking in Geneva.

(AP Photo/Martial Trezzini,Pool)

State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki said Kerry was en route to Geneva to "help narrow the differences." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrived in Geneva late Friday.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague announced he would also travel to Geneva.

A French diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius would join the others here.

The announcements followed a day in which diplomats appeared more and more optimistic that a deal could be struck.

As talks adjourned, a diplomat said Iranian Foreign Minister and top European

Enrichment is a hot-button issue because it can be used both to make reactor fuel and to arm nuclear missiles. Iran argues it is enriching only for power, and scientific and medical purposes. And it says it has no interest in nuclear arms.

But Washington and its allies point to Tehran's earlier efforts to hide enrichment and allege it worked on developing such weapons. Iran has insisted on that right throughout almost a decade of mostly fruitless nuclear negotiations. But Zarif last weekend indicated that Iran is ready to sign a deal that does not expressly state that claim, raising hopes that a deal could be sealed at the current Geneva round.

For the U.S. and Iran, the talks represent more than

one-on-one sessions between U.S. and Iranian envoys, offering opportunities to widen contacts and begin the long process of reconciliation after more than three decades of estrangement. For Iran, it also gives Rouhani's government a chance to show skeptical hard-liners that dialogue is possible with Washington without putting the country's Islamic system in peril.

Iranian hard-liners are suspicious of talk of nuclear compromise since Rouhani took office in September, fearing his team will give too much at the negotiating table and not get enough in terms of sanctions relief.

On Wednesday, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said his

talk on enrichment may be at least partially meant for home consumption.

In Geneva, a senior Iranian negotiator said the Iranian claim to the right to enrich did not need to be explicitly recognized in any initial deal, despite Khamenei's comment, adding that the supreme leader was not planning to intervene in the talks. He did suggest, however, that language on that point remained difficult and that there were other differences.

Work is proceeding on a compromise along the lines of what the Iranian negotiator said — avoiding a direct reference to any country's right to enrich but still giving enough leeway for Iran to accept it, said a diplomat involved in the talks. □

Afghan leader rebuffs US troop deal deadline

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's president on Friday rebuffed American demands that he sign a security pact allowing U.S. forces to stay in the country for another decade, while the U.S. defense secretary warned that planning for a post-2014 military presence may be jeopardized if the deal isn't finalized by the end of the year.

The stakes are high as Afghan tribal elders and other regional leaders met behind closed doors for a second day to debate the draft agreement seen as necessary to enable thousands of American soldiers to stay beyond a 2014 deadline primarily to train and mentor government security forces who are still struggling to face a resilient Taliban insurgency on their own.

Karzai stunned the U.S. when he urged delegates on Thursday's opening day of the consultative council known as the Loya Jirga to approve the security pact but said he will leave it to his successor to sign it after the April 5 elections.

His spokesman Aimal Faizi stuck to that stance on Friday despite U.S. pleas, saying "there is no deadline for us except what the president said in his speech."

The Obama administration has said it will pull all its forces out of Afghanistan without a security deal, as it did when Iraq failed to sign a similar agreement. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called Karzai on Friday and warned that "further delay is not practical, nor is it tenable," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

"Failure to conclude (the deal) ... would be seen as a signal to the world that Afghanistan is not committed to a partnership with its supporters and that it is willing to jeopardize all of the financial and practical help that has been offered," Psaki said.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to go after al-Qaida. □

Memorials across America mark JFK 50th anniversary



People gather for a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. President Kennedy's motorcade was passing through Dealey Plaza when shots rang out on Nov. 22, 1963. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

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DALLAS (AP) — The United States solemnly marked the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination Friday with subdued remembrances at Kennedy's grave and the infamous site in downtown Dallas where the young, glamorous president was gunned down in an open-top limousine.

Flags flew at half-staff, and moments of silence were planned for the hour when Kennedy was shot riding in a motorcade.

Shortly after sunrise, Attorney General Eric Holder paid his respects at Kennedy's recently refurbished grave at Arlington National Cemetery, where a British cavalry officer stood guard, bagpipes played and a flame burned steadily as it has for the last half-century.

About an hour later, Jean Kennedy Smith, 85, the last surviving Kennedy sibling, laid a wreath at her brother's grave, joined by about 10 members of the Kennedy family. They clasped hands for a short, silent prayer and left roses as a few hundred tourists watched.

The quiet reverence extended across the Atlantic Ocean to his ancestral home in Ireland.

In Dublin, a half-dozen Irish

soldiers toting guns with brilliantly polished bayonets formed a guard of honor outside the U.S. Em-

ing Grace." A U.S. Marine raised the flag again as the bugler sounded an upbeat "Reveille."

free world.

Dallas was bitterly cold, damp and windy, far different from the bright sunshine that filled the day Kennedy died.

About 5,000 tickets were issued for the free ceremony in Dealey Plaza, which is flanked by the Texas School Book Depository building where sniper Lee Harvey Oswald perched on the sixth floor.

A stage for the memorial ceremony, just south of the depository building, was backed with a large banner showing Kennedy's profile. Video screens showed images of Kennedy with his family.

People began assembling for the event hours ahead of time.

"President Kennedy has always been kind of revered in our family," Colleen Bonner, 41, said. "I just wanted

set for 12:30 p.m. (1830 GMT), when the president was shot.

Numerous events were held around Dallas this year to mark the anniversary, including panels of speakers who were there that day, special concerts and museum exhibits.

Earlier Thursday, in Dublin, Irish Foreign Minister Eamon Gilmore and U.S. Embassy staff observed a minute's silence and laid two wreaths from the Irish and American governments in memory of JFK.

The former cadets invited by Jacqueline Kennedy to serve as the graveside honor guard described the awe — and fear — they experienced as they traveled to the United States 50 years earlier.

"We were young guys, all pretty much 18. We had no passports, no visas. None of



The eternal flame flickers in the early morning light at the grave of John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, on the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

bassy as the American flag was lowered to half-staff. An Irish army commander at the embassy drew a sword and held it aloft as a lone trumpeter played "The Last Post," the traditional British salute to war dead. A bagpiper played lamentations including "Amaz-

More than a dozen retired Irish army officers who, as teenage cadets, had formed an honor guard at Kennedy's graveside gathered in the front garden of the embassy in the heart of the Irish capital to remember the first Irish-American to become leader of the

to honor his memory, and I wanted to be a part of history."

The U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club was to perform at the ceremony in a nod to Kennedy's military service, and an Air Force flyover was planned. A moment of silence was

us had flown before," said retired Col. Brian O'Reilly, 68.

"We were told on the Saturday night we were wanted for the funeral. The next day, we were on the plane with our own president (Eamon de Valera) heading for Washington." □

Scrutiny over disparity in loan fees at auto dealerships

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When Pedro Lantigua, a

32-year-old truck driver from Oklahoma City, decided to trade in his car last

summer, he walked into his local dealership and drove off with a brand-new

Chevrolet Silverado. Like millions of Americans, he agreed to a loan arranged by the dealer.

Unlike most buyers, however, Lantigua actually knows how much he spent on that service, but only because the details came out when he sued the dealer for breach of contract related to his trade-in.

Lantigua agreed to pay \$609 a month, meaning that he would own the car in about six years. But Lantigua said he did not know that his 12.6 percent interest rate included about \$1,000 for the dealership, David Stanley Chevrolet, which arranged Lantigua's loan through Ally Bank, according to Lantigua's lawyer, Kathi Rawls.

Dealers often arrange loans for car buyers through third-party lenders, providing something of a one-stop shop for about 80 percent of all consumers who need financing. Dealers can de-

cide how much they want to charge for that service and tack their fee onto the lender's interest rate.

"Individual consumers usually don't even know that they've been marked up," said Rosemary Shahan, the president of Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

Dealerships are not required to disclose what percentage of the interest rate goes to them, and consumer advocates and some regulators are concerned that dealers' ability to decide how much to charge has led to discriminatory lending against minorities.

That concern has prompted a number of government investigations into the growing business of auto lending.

At stake are billions of dollars in fees on more than \$700 billion in outstanding auto loans. □



Pedro Lantigua stands next to his Cadillac in Moore, Okla., Nov. 21, 2013. Lantigua purchased a new truck last year but learned only after filing a lawsuit that the dealership charged him about \$1,000 for arranging an auto loan, a type of fee many consumers don't know about and one which some believe is disproportionately applied to minorities.

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Documents say US teacher's throat cut, note left



This undated file photo provided by the family shows Danvers High School teacher Colleen Ritzer, whose body was found behind the school on Oct. 22, 2013, in Danvers, Mass. In an indictment returned Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, Philip Chism, 14, was charged with sexually assaulting and killing Ritzer, and stealing her credit cards and iPhone.

(AP Photo/Dale Webster)

LYNNE TUOHY
Associated Press

SALEM, Massachusetts (AP) — The body of a popular teacher who police say

was killed by one of her students was found in the woods, naked from the waist down and with her throat slit and a note that

Son of Mexican cartel leader arrested near the US border

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The son of one of the world's most-wanted drug lords was arrested at an Arizona border crossing to face drug-trafficking charges in the United States, authorities said Friday.

Serafin Zambada, 23, was arrested Wednesday afternoon while crossing the border from Mexico in Nogales, Arizona, accompanied by his wife in a pedestrian lane, said Kelly Thornton, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego. The wife was detained and released, Thornton said.

Zambada's father is Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, who survived decades of turf wars and rose to the top of Mexico's underworld

through savvy deal-broking. Ismael Zambada is considered the strategist of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, more involved in daily operations than his better-known boss, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

Serafin Zambada, a U.S. citizen, was scheduled to appear before a federal judge in Tucson, Arizona, on Monday to determine if he is eligible for bail. Prosecutors plan to ask that he be sent to San Diego to face federal charges of conspiracy to import methamphetamine and cocaine, and criminal forfeiture.

The younger Zambada's attorney, Saji Vettiyil, said his client would fight the charges. "My client is looking forward to the day when he can clear his name in a court of law."

read, "I hate you all," according to court documents released Friday.

The search warrant application was released after requests by The Associated Press, The Boston Globe and other media organizations.

Philip Chism, a 14-year-old soccer player who moved to Massachusetts from Tennessee at the beginning of the school year, is charged with murder, aggravated rape and armed robbery in the Oct. 22 death of 24-year-old Danvers High School math teacher Colleen Ritzer. His attorney, Denise Regan, said Friday she had no comment. He is being held without bail.

Police have not released a motive. Autopsy results have not been made pub-

lic.

A student whose name was concealed in the documents told police that the day of the killing, she had stayed after class for help and heard Ritzer and Chism talking.

Ritzer mentioned Tennessee, and Chism appeared upset, but the teacher didn't appear to notice and kept talking about it. When Ritzer did notice, she changed the subject, but the student noticed Chism talking to himself.

According to the documents, surveillance video showed Chism putting on gloves and wearing a hood as he followed Ritzer into a bathroom. The documents say he brought a box cutter, mask, gloves and multiple changes of clothing to

school that day.

Ritzer was reported missing when she never returned home. Her body was found on the ground in woods near the school, partly covered in leaves, and police said it appeared to be sexually positioned. Authorities say she had been sexually assaulted with a stick. A recycling barrel was nearby. A timeline in the documents that's based on surveillance video indicates a student may have seen part of the crime. As Chism and Ritzer are apparently in the bathroom together, a female student walks in, then quickly walks out. The student later said a person with dark skin appeared to be changing clothes. Chism is biracial; Ritzer was white. □

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2 deals to buy a symbol of Detroit's decline fall through

BILL VLASIC

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DETROIT - It is the ultimate abandoned building in the city that has become America's unofficial capital of blight.

For decades, the ruins of the Packard Motor Car plant - a collection of more than 40 crumbling buildings that make up a ghost

modality for would-be developers from as far away as South America.

Or has it? In a public auction process that has lasted months, six investment groups have bid to buy the 40-acre Packard site out of foreclosure. The two highest bidders have dropped out for lack of money. Now the prospects for an even-

cludes Detroit and several smaller cities and suburbs. On some residential streets, dozens of burned-out homes and empty lots were for sale for as little as \$1,000 apiece.

The last Packard automobile was built there in the 1950s. Since then, small businesses have come and gone at the site, but

ments. Over the years it has become a scarred monument to Detroit's heyday as the Motor City, and a gut-wrenching reminder of its sad decline.

"It's a beacon of destruction that people seem drawn to," said Robin Boyle, a professor of urban studies at Wayne State University in Detroit. "It's a bit

blocks away.

"It's just a devastating situation," said Toni McIlwain, a community organizer in the area. "People are always asking when this blight will turn into something useful."

But useful does not necessarily mean feasible.

A developer from Illinois, William Hults, began negotiating this year to buy the plant from the county for about \$1 million - the amount of unpaid taxes that had accrued.

Hults envisioned restoring parts of the factory and transforming it into a complex of residential units, shops, restaurants and a hotel. But when he was unable to come up with the money after missing multiple deadlines, the Packard went on the county auction rolls in September.

The auction has since become a spectacle in a city weary of bad news.

The highest bidder was a Texas doctor, Jill Van Horn, who inexplicably offered \$6 million for the property and said she wanted to manufacture modular homes at the plant. When she was unable to put down a 10 percent deposit, the county turned back to Hults, who had submitted a \$2 million bid.

Hults made a deposit of \$200,000, but failed to raise the rest of the cash. He has since turned his attention to rehabilitating an old automotive stamping plant on the east side.

"I believed in the Packard project and I still believe in it," Hults said. "I rolled the dice, but it just didn't work out."

The county has moved on to the next-highest bidder, Fernando Palazuelo, a Spanish-born developer who has a record of rehabilitating historical buildings in Lima, Peru. □



William Hults, a developer who tried twice to buy the dilapidated Packard Motor Car plant, walks through an abandoned structure on the site in Detroit, Sept. 12, 2013. In a public auction process that has lasted months, six investment groups have bid to buy the 40-acre Packard site out of foreclosure, but the two highest bidders have already dropped out for lack of money.

(Fabrizio Costantini/The New York Times)

town of graffiti and garbage and rubble - have been a symbol of Detroit's decay and a stubborn obstacle to the revitalization of its surrounding, and tattered, east side neighborhoods.

Now with the city awaiting court approval of the biggest municipal bankruptcy in history, the decrepit plant, often referred simply as the Packard, has somehow become a hot com-

modity for would-be developers from as far away as South America. Or has it? In a public auction process that has lasted months, six investment groups have bid to buy the 40-acre Packard site out of foreclosure. The two highest bidders have dropped out for lack of money. Now the prospects for an even-

tual sale are murky at best. The rebuilding of Detroit has started slowly, with corporate interests buying up vacant buildings downtown at bargain basement prices. Yet it is unclear whether dilapidated structures like the Packard can ever be part of its comeback.

The plant is among 19,000 foreclosed properties put up for auction this fall by Wayne County, which in-

cludes Detroit and several smaller cities and suburbs. On some residential streets, dozens of burned-out homes and empty lots were for sale for as little as \$1,000 apiece.

most of the plant has been a haven for urban explorers, scavengers and people illegally dumping trash. Its previous owner went to prison for dealing drugs from an abandoned school nearby.

The plant's cavernous, post-apocalyptic interiors are known around the world, having been featured in movies, music videos, news reports and thousands of YouTube segments. Over the years it has become a scarred monument to Detroit's heyday as the Motor City, and a gut-wrenching reminder of its sad decline.

US Financial Front:

American job openings, overall hiring reach 5-year highs

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. job openings and overall hiring both reached five-

year highs in September, signaling steady improvement in the job market. Job postings rose 69,000 to a seasonally adjusted 3.9 million, the Labor Department said Friday. That's the most since March 2008,

just a few months after the Great Recession began. It's also close to the roughly 4 million job openings each month that are consistent with healthier job markets. Total hiring increased 26,000 to 4.6 million, the

highest level since August 2008. The gain suggests employers are not only posting more jobs but are also taking greater steps to fill them.

September's total hiring is still below the roughly 5 million people who are typically hired in sturdier job markets.

The number of people who quit their jobs in September dipped from August but was still about 15 percent higher than a year earlier. People usually quit their jobs when they have another one lined up, or when they are certain they can find one. More quits is a sign of confidence in the job market.

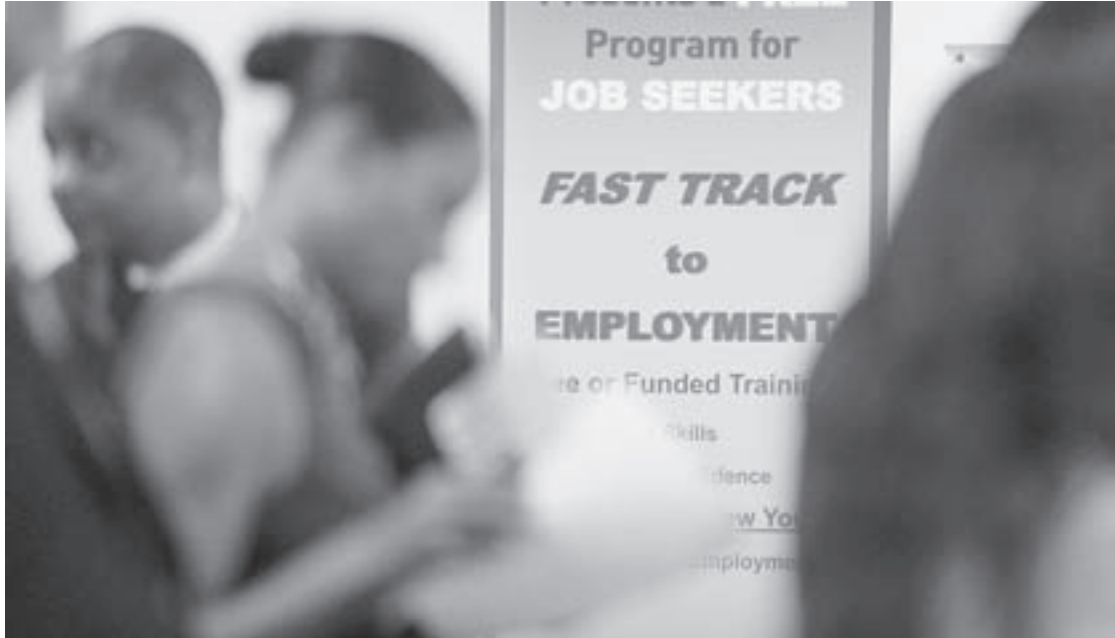
The growth in hiring, job openings and quits points to a more movement in the job market, which can create opportunities for those out of work or who are looking for another job. It also shows that competition for jobs is easing. There were 2.88 unemployed people, on aver-

age, for each available job in September. That's the lowest since August 2008 and down from 7 to 1 ratio in July 2009, just after the recession ended. In a healthy economy, the ratio is usually about 2 to 1.

Unemployment is still high at 7.3 percent. But other reports suggest the job market is healing.

Earlier this month, the government's October employment report said the economy added an average of 202,000 jobs a month from August through October. That's up sharply from an average of 146,000 in May through July.

Those figures reflect net payrolls gains, which are the total number of people hired minus those who were laid off, quit or retired. The net gain can increase just because fewer workers are laid off, even if hiring is flat. □



Job seekers line up to talk to recruiters during a job fair held in Atlanta. U.S. job openings and overall hiring both reached five-year highs in September, signaling steady improvement in the job market. (AP Photo/John Amis)

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Detained American's wife asks for his return

FOSTER KLUG
MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press
PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) —
 The wife of an 85-year-old
 veteran being detained in

ment released in Califor-
 nia.
 Meanwhile, North Korean
 officials told the Swedish
 Embassy in Pyongyang
 that they were holding an

ture, Newman's trip had
 seemed positive, with post-
 cards describing good
 times and knowledgeable
 guides, Lee Newman said
 in her statement.

Jeffrey Newman, said his
 father wanted to return
 to the country where he
 spent three years during
 the Korean War.

It's unknown why he is be-
 ing detained, but his fa-
 ther's traveling companion
 Bob Hamrdla said New-
 man earlier had a "diffi-
 cult" discussion with North
 Korean officials about his
 experiences during the
 war, according to Jeffrey
 Newman.

Hamrdla, who lives in the
 same 11-story Palo Alto re-
 tirement apartment build-
 ing as the Newmans, has
 led more than 40 travel
 programs to Central Eu-
 rope for Stanford University.
 By agreement with the
 Newmans, Hamrdla de-
 clined an interview.

North Korea has detained
 at least six Americans since
 2009, including two jour-
 nalist accused of trespass-
 ing and several missionar-
 ies accused of spreading
 Christianity.

Kenneth Bae, a Korean-
 American missionary and
 tour operator, has been
 detained for more than a
 year. Newman doesn't fit
 the pattern of the other
 detained Americans.

In recent years, thousands
 of Americans have safely
 visited North Korea, includ-
 ing tourists, researchers,
 relief workers, professionals
 and many people who still
 have family in that country.

"In principle, travel from
 the U.S. to North Korea is
 possible and certainly not
 illegal, but the actual flow
 of people is influenced
 heavily by the state of rela-
 tions between North Korea
 and the U.S. at any given
 time," said Ramsay Liem,
 whose parents are from
 North Korea.

In a new film "Memory of
 Forgotten War," Liem and
 his wife document the
 reunification of Korean
 Americans with their fami-
 lies in North Korea.

Some observers have
 speculated that Newman
 may have been mistaken
 for a Korean War Silver Star
 recipient also named Mer-
 rill Newman.

But Jeffrey Newman says
 there were no signs that
 was true. □

No charges in standoff that left 107-year- old man dead

JEANNIE NUSS
Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)

— Prosecutors said Friday
 they aren't filing criminal
 charges in the case of a
 107-year-old U.S. man who
 died in a police standoff
 this year.

Special prosecutor Jason
 Barrett said Monroe Isadore
 was "seemingly confused"
 on Sept. 7, the day he shot
 at police in Arkansas. An
 officer returned fire and
 killed Isadore.

Police have said they
 tried using a camera,
 negotiating tactics and
 gas before shooting
 Isadore.

"Basically, when the police
 tried to make contact
 with him, he fired five
 individual rounds at various
 times at their attempts to
 make communication,
 and ultimately at them
 personally," Barrett said.
 "The last rounds that were
 fired were fired directly at
 individuals, who returned
 fire."

An officer involved in the
 shooting remains on paid
 leave, Pine Bluff police
 spokesman Lt. David Price
 said.

According to a police
 report, Laurie Barlow told
 officers she had gone to the
 house where Isadore was
 living temporarily to help
 him move to a new home.
 She said when she arrived,
 Isadore barricaded himself
 in a room.

Police said Isadore's
 granddaughter eventually
 got him to open the door,
 but he pointed a gun at
 her.

Authorities said after
 officers moved Barlow and
 the granddaughter across
 the street, Isadore fired at
 a door. When negotiations
 failed, a police team
 maneuvered a camera
 into the house to see how
 Isadore was armed. The
 team then stormed inside
 after deploying gas and
 a distraction device, the
 report said.

"Mr. Isadore fired his
 weapon at them," Barrett
 said. □



This 2005 photo provided by the Palo Alto Weekly shows Merrill Newman, a retired finance execu-
 tive and Red Cross volunteer, in Palo Alto, Calif.

(AP Photo/Palo Alto Weekly, Nicholas Wright)

North Korea implored au-
 thorities on Friday to let her
 husband return to his anx-
 ious family and end what
 she called a "dreadful mis-
 understanding."

"We have had no word
 on the state of his health,
 whether or not the medi-
 cations sent to him through
 the Swedish Embassy in
 North Korea have been
 delivered or why he was
 detained," Lee Newman
 said in a prepared state-

American but did not con-
 firm it was Newman, who
 was pulled from a plane on
 Oct. 26 while preparing to
 leave the communist na-
 tion after a 10-day tour.

The Swedish Embassy is ne-
 gotiating on a daily basis
 on behalf of Newman be-
 cause the U.S. has no dip-
 lomatic ties to North Korea,
 State Department spokes-
 woman Jen Psaki told re-
 porters in Washington.

Until his planned depar-

"The family feels there has
 been some dreadful mis-
 understanding leading to
 his detention and asks that
 the (Democratic People's
 Republic of Korea) work to
 settle this issue quickly and
 to return this 85-year-old
 grandfather to his anxious,
 concerned family," she
 said.

Newman has been de-
 scribed as an inveterate
 traveler and long-retired
 finance executive. His son,



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Climate talks drag on without clarity on targets

KARL RITTER

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

U.N. climate talks ran into overtime Friday with more than 190 countries arguing over the building blocks for a new pact to slow global warming. A draft text presented on the last scheduled day of the two-week conference in Warsaw gave only vague direction on when countries should present their targets for restricting carbon emissions. That's a key element of the deal that's supposed to be adopted in Paris in 2015. Despite a push by the European Union and the U.S. for a clear timeline for announcing targets, the draft text said only that commitments should be presented "well in advance" of the Paris summit.

U.S. climate envoy Todd Stern called for "stronger language" to drive the work forward.

The EU wants to present its target in 2014 and the U.S. is aiming for early 2015 to leave time for a review process before the Paris conference.

But some countries, including China, the world's biggest carbon polluter, have been reluctant to set a deadline.

"We should talk, and we should deliver and announce during the process of negotiations," Chinese delegate Liu Zhenmin told reporters. "I don't know when. I cannot say a time-frame."

He suggested that China shouldn't be expected to make emissions cuts on the same level as industrialized countries, which built their economies with fossil fuels. The EU and the U.S. want to get rid of the rich-poor division that has guided the talks in the past, saying

China's rapid economic growth means it no longer can compare itself with poorer developing countries. "This is not the time to go backward and reinstall walls we have been trying

launched in 1992 after scientists warned that humans were warming the planet by pumping CO2 and other heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere, primarily through the burning of fossil

fuels.

Though governments agree global emissions need to come down, they've been unable to agree on how to divide those cuts.

In Warsaw, negotiators

were trying to lay the foundation of a 2015 deal that would take effect five years later, but were bogged down by recurring disputes over who needs to do what, when and how. □



Climate activists protest acting in the role of world leaders who search for a way, in front of the U.N. climate change conference at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. They act as : French President Francois Hollande, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel., from left to right.

(AP Photo/Czarek Sokolowski)

to tear down," European Union Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard told reporters.

Venezuelan negotiator Claudia Salerno, a spokeswoman for a group of "like-minded" developing countries, including China and India, accused Hedegaard of starting a "blame game" through the media. "We are shocked by the brazen attack against our group by Connie Hedegaard of the European Commission. It is incredible that she has chosen to accuse our group" of blocking the process, Salerno said in a statement.

The U.N. climate talks were



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Clashes in Egypt as Islamists protest; 2 killed

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CAIRO (AP) — Clashes erupted Friday as thousands of supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood around Egypt held protests marking the passage of 100 days since the start of a bloody crackdown against them in the wake of the ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. The violence left two dead including a 10-year-old boy.

The marches in multiple districts of Cairo and other cities were commemorating the Aug. 14 storming by security forces on two pro-Morsi protest camps in the capital that killed hundreds of Islamists.

In one of Friday's marches, protesters attempted to enter Rabaah al-Adawiya Square, which was the site of the biggest sit-in camp, in an eastern neighborhood of Cairo. Security forces, who had sealed off the square with barbed wire and armored vehicles, drove the protesters off with volleys of tear gas.

The biggest march in Cairo brought out several thousand protesters, who tried to block a main road, then clashed with Morsi opponents in exchanges of stone-throwing. Police fired tear gas to disperse the protest. A 10-year-old boy died when he was hit in the head by birdshot in clashes that broke out between Morsi supporters and opponents in the city of Suez, according to Ahmed el-Ansari, the head of Egypt's emergency services. The boy was among a crowd of local residents who came out to fight with the Brotherhood protesters,

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a doctor in the Suez emergency unit told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to journalists. El-Ansari said another 21-year-old was killed when he was shot in the chest during clashes in eastern Cairo. It was unclear whether he was from the protesters or local anti-Morsi residents. At least 14 people were wounded in

The Interior Ministry, which is in charge of police, said in a statement that pro-Morsi students set fires and hurled stones inside the campus of Al-Azhar University. They threw stones through the campus fence at police outside, who fired tear gas into university, MENA reported.

Islamists have been holding almost daily protests to denounce the military's July 3 removal of Morsi,

Brotherhood of trying to monopolize power. Morsi supporters have accused the military of wrecking the country's nascent democracy with the coup. Thousands of members of the Brotherhood have been arrested since the crackdown began.

The Brotherhood on Friday lashed out Friday at U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, after he said this week that the Islamist group



Protesters against the Muslim Brotherhood, front, throw rocks towards supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Nasr City district in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. Clashes erupted Friday as thousands of supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood around Egypt held protests marking the passage of 100 days since the start of a bloody crackdown against them in the wake of the ouster of the Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. The violence left at least two dead including a 10-year-old boy. (AP Photo/EI-Shorouk newspaper, Sabry Khaled)

clashes nationwide.

In one of the protests in the upscale district of Heliopolis in Cairo, Brotherhood supporters set tires on fire which spread to a nearby tramway car, according to the state news agency MENA. Ahmed Helmi, an aide to the Interior Minister, said the protesters were pro-Brotherhood students from Al-Azhar University, Sunni Islam's most prominent center of learning.

the country's first freely elected president. Under the weight of the crackdown since Aug. 14, the protests have mainly been reduced to small and localized gatherings, but at times they have swelled to somewhat larger numbers. The military ousted Morsi after massive protests by millions nationwide who demanded his removal after a year in office, accusing him and his Muslim

"stole" the 2011 popular uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Kerry's comments about the Brotherhood on Wednesday appeared to be an attempt by Washington to ease tensions with Egypt's new military-backed government. After initial U.S. criticism of the coup, many Egyptians have accused the U.S. of siding with the Brotherhood and Morsi. □

European FM's critique other's budget plans

JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Finance ministers from nations using the euro currency met Friday for the first time to critique each other's spending plans for next year.

The gathering in Brussels was supposed to help reduce the chances for a repeat of the government overspending and miscalculation that plunged much of Europe's economy into recession. European Commissioner Olli Rehn said over-optimistic economic forecasting has been a "major vice" plaguing European governments in the past.

At their closed-door meeting, the finance ministers addressed criticisms that the European Union's executive branch issued last week of each country's proposed 2014 budget. Jeroen Dijsselbloem of the Netherlands, who chaired the session, told a news conference afterward that the discussions among colleagues had been respectful but "direct."

In a communique, the ministers said five countries whose 2014 budgets were deemed at risk of not complying with EU growth and stability rules — Malta, Spain, Italy, Finland and Luxembourg — expressed their "full commitment" Friday to make the needed adjustments, or said they have already begun to do so. Government deficits in the 17-nation currency zone, which averaged close to 3 percent of Gross Domestic Product this year, are expected to fall below that benchmark next year, the ministers said. □

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29 of 30 Greenpeace activists granted bail in Russia

IRINA TITOVA

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

— All but one of the 30 people arrested following a Greenpeace protest against oil drilling in the Arctic were free on bail Friday after spending more than two months in Russian jails. The only one to be denied bail, an Australian activist, also was expected to be released after his appeal was heard.

Greenpeace lawyers said they would now focus on helping the foreign citizens to leave Russia.

President Vladimir Putin suggested this would be possible, jokingly telling Turkey's visiting leader that the environmental activists would soon be heading his way.

"We have no desire to exacerbate the situation or hold someone specially," Putin said during a joint news conference with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. "Soon they will all be going to Turkey and will do good work on your projects."

But in response to a question of whether Erdogan would be allowed to take a freed Turkish female activist back with him, a smiling Putin said that would be impossible: "He came with his wife, so who else can he take along? What kind of question are you asking?" The U.S. captain of the ship, veteran Greenpeace activist Peter Willcox, was among 18 freed on Friday. The others were released late Wednesday and Thursday.

"I feel like I'm down out of the tree but still in the forest," Willcox told journalists. "But it's a big step."

All 30 still face hooliganism charges, which carry a sentence of up to seven years. They were detained

after some of the activists aboard the Arctic Sunrise attempted to scale an offshore drilling platform owned by the state-owned natural gas giant Gazprom. Also Friday, a U.N.-mandated tribunal in Hamburg, Germany, ordered Russia to immediately release the Greenpeace ship and its crew in return for a 3.6 million euro (\$5 million) bond.

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea also ordered Russia to allow the Dutch-flagged vessel and those detained to leave the country.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it would study the decision.

Greenpeace lawyer Mikhail Kreindlin said there was nothing in Russia's criminal procedural code that would prevent the foreigners from leaving Russia, but for most of them there was another problem: They come from countries whose citizens need a visa to enter and exit Russia legally.

Kreindlin said Russia's Federal Migration Service has agreed to issue transit visas if investigators approved.

"Now we, our lawyers, will negotiate and work with the Investigative Committee to do it as soon as possible," Kreindlin said as he waited outside a detention center to greet Greenpeace activists as they walked out.

A well-connected Russian lawyer, Genri Reznik, has said that it was likely not only that the foreigners would be allowed to leave Russia but that the charges against them would be dropped under an amnesty to mark the 20th anniversary of Russia's constitution on Dec. 12. □



Kumi Naidoo, center, from South Africa, Executive Director of Greenpeace International, gestures at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, Friday Nov. 22, 2013. The U.N.-mandated tribunal has ordered Russia to immediately release a Greenpeace ship and its crew in return for a 3.6 billion euro (US \$5 million) bond.

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UN: Hunger can be eradicated in Africa by 2025

EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Eradicating hunger in Africa by 2025 is achievable — if Africa's leaders champion it and promote improved crop production and healthy eating, the head of the U.N. food and agriculture agency said Friday.

Jose Graziano da Silva went even further in an

opment Goal — reducing extreme poverty by half — did it before the target date of the end of 2015, and it found three key factors.

First, he said, was "political will" and leadership, because improving food security involves improvements not only in agriculture but in nutrition, health, water supplies and storage facilities, to name a few.

storage, poor transportation and cultural issues, including the move from traditional cuisine to fast food, he said. A lot of food that could be consumed is thrown out, often because of huge portions.

Third, Graziano said, is improving the nutritional value of the food people eat. "We are seeing more and more malnutrition rise in developed countries ...

do it ... with the proper assistance FAO is giving them," he said.

For example, the FAO in early 2012 declared a famine in Somalia, but Graziano said "we have been able to pull Somalia out of famine in six months" with improvements in agriculture and livestock raising and a cash-for-work program aimed primarily at women because they provide food for the family. This program was based on the FAO's experience in Brazil, Vietnam and other countries, he said.

Graziano was in New York to launch the "International Year of Family Farming" in 2014.

There are almost 500,000 family farms, mostly in Africa where 95 percent of farmers are small or subsistence farmers, many of whom don't produce enough to eat, he said.

Graziano said the FAO is promoting family farms because they are "the most efficient" when it comes to using land and water resources and because the agency wants to promote local production and local use of food, which avoids increasingly high transportation costs.

Graziano is also still promoting this year's International Year of Quinoa — "the unique cereal that has all the proteins and amino acids that the human being needs" and requires 100 percent less water than any other cereal. That makes it perfect for dry areas, and it can be cultivated at any altitude.

The FAO achieved its goal of introducing quinoa in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, where countries are testing different varieties, as well as in Yemen, he said. "It takes one or two years of testing and choosing the best one," Graziano said, "but after that ... the wind helps a lot because it spreads the seeds all around — you don't need to pay Monsanto for the seeds! So it will be really amazing to see the Sahel and many drought areas of the world cultivated with quinoa in the future, and we are working on that."□



Michel Sidibe speaks during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Eradicating hunger in Africa by 2025 is achievable — if Africa's leaders champion it and promote improved crop production and healthy eating, the head of the U.N. food and agriculture agency said Friday.
(AP Photo/Martial Trezzini)

interview with The Associated Press, saying the Food and Agriculture Organization believes that hunger can be eradicated around the globe "in a generation — in our lifetime" if there is a political commitment by world leaders to ensure that all their citizens get access to nutritious food. "We are not talking about sending a man to the moon or something that complicated," he said. "We have the technology. We have the expertise. We have the things that we need to do it."

Graziano said the World Food Programme looked at how the 62 countries that have achieved the first U.N. Millennium Devel-

"If the president doesn't take the lead, or the prime minister ... it doesn't work," he said.

Second, Graziano said, is improving agricultural performance and access to food.

"According to FAO, we have more than enough food produced nowadays to avoid hunger," he said. "People are hungry today because they don't have access to food ... because they cannot pay for the food or they cannot produce it any more as we did in the past."

One problem is that one-third to one-half of the food produced today is lost or wasted for a variety of reasons including bad

because of the quality of what (people) are eating," he said.

When children are listed by income, for example, "you see in families with the lowest income a proportion of obese and malnourished (youngsters) similar to the families that have high level income," he said.

Graziano said the FAO is promoting the best practices collected from around the world to eradicate hunger, especially in Africa, "where we have the worst situation at the moment." He expressed hope that an African Union summit in January will set a target to eradicate hunger in Africa by 2025.

"All countries in Africa can

Dominican gov't to resolve lost citizenship status

EZEQUIEL LOPEZ

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The

government of the Dominican Republic has developed a plan to resolve the legal status of people who face the prospect of being stripped of their citizenship because of a recent court ruling, a spokesman for the president said Friday.

President Danilo Medina and senior government officials approved the plan at a private meeting and the details will be released when the decree is signed and goes into effect in the coming days, spokesman Roberto Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez announced the decision at a news conference after the meeting and declined to answer questions. Earlier, Interior Minister Jose Ramon Fadul said the plan would reflect the consensus of a broad set of interests in the country.

The plan is the government's first formal response to a Sept. 23 court ruling that determined that the Constitution approved in 2010 does not bestow citizenship to people born in the country unless at least one parent was a legal resident and ordered officials to purge the electoral rolls of suspected non-citizens going back to 1929.

Human rights advocates have said the court ruling could disenfranchise more than 200,000 people, stripping them of the documents they need to work and attend school and denying them passports that they would need to travel overseas. Most of those whose names have already been removed from the voter rolls are people of Haitian descent, often sugar workers and their descendants. The Dominican government has bristled at international criticism of what it says is an internal affair and says an initial count showed the number affected is around 24,000. They say many of those affected can qualify for citizenship in neighboring Haiti.□



A Warm Welcome Back For Mr. JW “Bill” Marriott To Aruba!



PALM BEACH - On Thursday November 21, 2013 the Aruba Marriott welcomed Mr. JW “Bill” Marriott, Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Marriott International, back to the Aruba Marriott. Mr. Marriott visited the three Aruba Marriott resorts for a walk through to see all the new developments since his last visit in 2012 and to greet the associates. Together with Complex General Manager

Tom Calame, Mr. Marriott officiated a ribbon cutting ceremony of the resort's \$1.5 million renovated Grand Ballroom, where he received a warm welcome by hundreds of Aruba Marriott associates. “We are excited that Mr. Marriott was able to visit our resorts and to thank our associates. They are the ones who make it all happen for our guests”, said Complex General Manager Tom Calame.

Mr. Marriott was accompanied by Ron Harrison, Global Officer for Marriott's Architecture and Construction, Kathleen Matthews, Executive Vice President and Chief Communications & Public Relations Affairs Officer, Craig Smith, President Marriott International - Caribbean and Latin America and Andrew Houghton, Area Vice President of Operations – Caribbean, Argentina, Chile and Brazil. □





Mr. Bill Marriott Introduces New Renaissance Aruba Guestrooms At Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



ORANJESTAD - Mr. J.W. "Bill" Marriott, Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Marriott International officiated a ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce the newly re-designed guestrooms at

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino's adults-exclusive Marina Hotel to media and VIP guests. He was joined by General Manager Paul Gielen and Chief Financial Officer Rik Timmer. The renovation project fo-

cuses heavily on evoking a sense of place, playing off the resort's location in the island's cultural center of Oranjestad and incorporating indigenous elements for a result that is distinctly Aruban. All the Marina Ho-



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Area VP For Marriott International Greet The Aruba Today!



PALM BEACH – During the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Ritz-Carlton Aruba, area vice president for Marriott International, Inc. in the Caribbean, Mr. Andrew Houghton was delighted to

have had the opportunity to meet Sales Executive for the Aruba Today Newspaper, Mrs. Marijke Croes! The two discussed tourism and the excitement surrounding the grand opening of

the Ritz-Carlton, as well as of course the fantastic relationship Marriott International has had with the island for many years – a relationship which the Aruba Today Newspaper has had the pleasure of sharing regularly with our readers! Andrew Houghton is the area vice president for Marriott International, Inc. in the Caribbean, reporting to Craig Smith, President Caribbean & Latin America, CALA. In this role, Mr. Houghton is responsible for the overall hotel operations in the Caribbean. This responsibility currently spans more than 17 hotels and resorts across five lodging brands including JW Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Renaissance Hotels & Resorts,

Courtyard by Marriott Hotels and Autograph Collection properties.

Most recently, Mr. Houghton served as general manager for the JW Marriott Hotel Shanghai & Marriott Executive Apartments at Tomorrow Square in Shanghai, China.

Mr. Houghton began his career with Marriott International in 1986 as the director of sales & marketing at the London Marriott Hotel. In 1988 he accepted the position of director of Marketing for the Cairo Marriott Hotel, Marriott's largest hotel outside of the United States. Since that time he has held positions of increasing responsibility in both sales & marketing and operations for both Marriott International and

the Hilton Hotels Corporation in the United Kingdom and the Middle East.

He has served as general manager of both the Riyadh Marriott Hotel in Saudi Arabia, and the JW Marriott Mirage City Cairo Hotel, in Egypt.

In 2004, Mr. Houghton moved to Marriott International's global headquarters as vice president for full service brands including the JW Marriott, Marriott Hotels & Resorts, and Renaissance Hotels & Resorts brand. In this role he was responsible for creating and executing the positioning and strategy for these brands throughout the world.

Mr. Houghton and his wife, Carey, currently reside in south Florida. □



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The hotel's culinary offerings display a selection of four savory fine dining experiences

that reflect Aruba's oceanfront backdrop coupled with authentic dishes and rich flavors. Madero Argentinian Grill features an assortment of specialty cocktails, light bites and poolside seating overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Solanio offers an all-day trattoria with outdoor terrace seating or dramatic open-air kitchen views, Les Crustaces pays homage to impeccably prepared seafood in a fine dining setting, while hand-crafted cocktails and flavorful small bites are presented at Divi Bar & Lounge, the resort's lobby lounge bar named for Aruba's wind swept Divi Divi trees unique to Oranjestad and the island.

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Brady vs Manning in NFL's marquee match

The Associated Press
Peyton Manning is having one of his best NFL seasons and the Denver Broncos have lost just one game. Tom Brady is having a sub-par season and the New England Patriots have lost three of their last six. The Patriots will be at home, where they're unbeaten, for Sunday's highly anticipated game against the Broncos.

Brady owns a 9-4 record against his rival, and Patriots coach Bill Belichick usually comes up with a defensive scheme that slows or even confounds Manning. But New England, plagued by injuries throughout the defense, might not have the talent to slow the league's best offense.

Denver leads the NFL with 39.8 points per game, three more than the league record set by the Patriots in 2007. Manning has thrown 34 touchdown passes, a pace that would give him 54 and break the mark of 50 set by Brady in 2007.

"It's incredible to score points like that," Brady said of Denver, which has 398,

92 more than Seattle, the next most prolific team. "They have a lot of guys that can make plays with the ball. Everybody contributes, that's what good offenses do. The backs contribute, the tight end contributes, the receivers contribute. They're all scoring touchdowns.

"It's not like you can just go in and stop one guy. Our defense has its work cut out for us."

Wide receiver Wes Welker, who became a star in New England, returns to Foxborough after joining the Broncos this year. He was concussed in last Sunday's 27-17 win over the Kansas City Chiefs, the last unbeaten team.

The Patriots are 5-0 at home this year and 35-3 there over the last 38 regular-season games. But for the first time since 2005, they're underdogs at home. Still, they didn't have to make another trip during a short week of practice after their 24-20 loss to the Carolina Panthers last Monday.

"You can't give up any big plays," Patriots defensive



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) gestures the direction of a route he wants run during a stretching and drills session before practice begins at the NFL football team's facility in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013.

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end Rob Ninkovich said. "You can't just let some guy run down the middle of the field and have (Manning) throw an easy touchdown."

Carolina made a big statement with its victory over New England, but should the Panthers stumble at Miami, so much of the legitimacy they gained from that win could disappear. The Dolphins come off a win over San Diego despite all the inner turmoil over the Richie Incognito-Jonathan Martin affair, and remain firmly in the AFC wild-card race. So if anyone in the Carolinas sees this game as a slam dunk, they'd better re-evaluate.

"They are 5-5 and they are going to bring out their best football," Panthers cornerback Captain Munnerlyn said. "But I don't see us letting down. We are going to go out and play our best football. We're trying to go up, we're not trying to go down."

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Vonn will skip competition in Beaver Creek

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Lindsey Vonn will skip the World Cup races next week in Beaver Creek, Colorado, as she recovers from a downhill training crash in which she partially tore one of the reconstructed ligaments in her surgically repaired right knee. The reigning Olympic downhill champion will continue to go through therapy on her knee and is not ruling out a possible return to racing in Lake Louise, Alberta, the following week, her personal publicist, Lewis Kay,



Lindsey Vonn from Vail Colo., speaks at a press conference regarding her future at the Sochi Olympics, the World Cup season and 2015 World Championships at Gold Peak, Vail, Colo., on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013.

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said in a statement Friday. The Sochi Games are less than three months away and it's unclear whether Vonn's crash earlier this week will affect her Olympic aspirations. The four-time overall World Cup champion fell during a training run at Copper Mountain, hurting the same knee she injured in a high-speed crash at the world championships in February. She also suffered minor facial abrasions and a bruised shoulder blade, which are on the mend. On her Facebook page Friday afternoon, Vonn

wrote: "Thank you all so much for your support and well wishes. It has been a very difficult few days and your positive messages have helped tremendously. Rehab is going well and I am working as hard as I can to race in Lake Louise in a few weeks. Thank you again, I'm proud to have the best fans in the world! Love, Lindsey." She then added, "PS: don't worry guys, this is only a temporary setback. Nothing will keep me from picking myself back up and continuing to fight for my dreams." □

NBA Capsules

Durant leads Thunder past Clippers 105-91

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant had 28 points and eight assists and Serge Ibaka scored 17 points and blocked three shots as the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Los Angeles Clippers 105-91 on Thursday night.

Russell Westbrook added 12 points for Oklahoma City, which has won its first five home games of the season for the first time since the 2004-05 season, when the franchise was in Seattle.

Oklahoma City led all the way, taking a quick 10-point advantage and never leading by less than

six points after that in the matchup of Western Conference powers.

Blake Griffin had 27 points on 12-of-23 shooting, plus 10 rebounds for the Clippers. He's had a 20-10 double in 10 of the last 12 games, and has posted an NBA-high 100 such games since the start of the 2010-11 season.

NUGGETS 97, BULLS 87

DENVER (AP) — Nate Robinson and Jordan Hamilton each hit back-to-back 3-pointers to start the fourth quarter, helping the Denver Nuggets pull away for a victory against the Chicago Bulls.

Hamilton finished with 17

points to lead the Nuggets, who their seventh straight against the Bulls at home. J.J. Hickson had 14 points, Kenneth Faried had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Randy Foye also scored 12 points. Derrick Rose had 19 points for the Bulls, who had their five-game winning streak broken.

Robinson, who spent last season with the Bulls, started a 12-0 burst when he hit successive 3s opening the final period. Hamilton matched him by making 3s on consecutive possessions and the Nuggets' lead ballooned to 82-62 with 9:40 left. □



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, top, shoots as Los Angeles Clippers center Ryan Hollins (15) defends in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013. Oklahoma City won 105-91.

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Carolina owns the top wild-card berth in the NFC with six weeks to go. It was won six straight with an overpowering defense and timely offense. Quarterback Cam Newton is playing as well as he did in taking top offensive rookie honors in 2011. Everything is coming together for the Panthers.

Which always can breed cockiness. "That is one of things I've talked to the players about — everything we've done, hey, we can take a step back (with a loss)," coach Ron Rivera said. "And we don't want to. So we have to stay focused and focus in on who we're playing."

"We want to be relevant. We want to remain relevant. We want to stay in the conversation."

So does Miami, of course, and a victory on Sunday would position it for a late-season run with nothing but conference games remaining.

Also on Sunday, it's San Diego at Kansas City, Indianapolis at Arizona, Dallas at the New York Giants, Chicago at St. Louis, Tampa Bay at Detroit, Minnesota at Green Bay, the New York Jets at Baltimore, Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Tennessee at Oakland, and Jacksonville at Houston. □



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, right, is sacked by San Diego Chargers outside linebacker Larry English in the second quarter of an NFL football game on Sunday Nov. 10, 2013, in San Diego.

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Blues beat Bruins to continue fast start to season

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Derek Roy scored once in regulation and again in the fourth round of the shootout as the St. Louis Blues beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 on Thursday night.

Jaroslav Halak stopped 27 shots in regulation, two more in overtime and three in the shootout as St. Louis won for the fourth time in five games and continued the hottest start in its history. David Backes also scored for the Blues, and NHL points-leader Alexander Steen converted their other shootout goal after going the entire game without a shot.

Gregory Campbell and Carl Soderberg scored for Boston. Tuukka Rask made 24 saves and forced Roy to put one off the post on a breakaway in the first minute of the overtime.

DEVILS 2, KINGS 1, OT
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jaromir Jagr's 690th NHL goal 2:30 into overtime moved him into a ninth-place tie with former teammate Mario Lemieux on the NHL's career scoring list and gave New Jersey a victory over Los Angeles. The 41-year-old Jagr also tied Gordie Howe's NHL record of 121 game-winning goals. Cory Schneider made 34 saves to earn the win. It was the second overtime victory in two nights for the Devils, who beat Anaheim on Wednesday. Jagr scored the tying goal with 1:01 left in regulation in that one.

Jagr received a holding penalty 17 seconds into OT, but Kings captain Dustin Brown also was sent off for diving. Just 13 seconds after the penalties expired, Jagr got a cross-ice pass

from Marek Zidlicky and tucked his ninth goal of the season past Ben Scrivens.

RANGERS 3, STARS 2

DALLAS (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist made a season-high 41 saves — including a career-best 23 in the first period — to carry the New York Rangers win over Dallas. Lundqvist turned aside every Stars shot in the first and stopped 35 of 36 through 40 minutes to keep New York in a 1-1 tie.

Chris Kreider and John Moore then scored 37 seconds apart in the first 1:55 of the third period to give the Rangers a 3-1 lead. Alex Chiasson brought Dallas back within a goal by scoring at 8:27 of the third. Just 12 seconds later, Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen stopped Rick Nash on a penalty shot. Nash had scored New York's first goal at 6:27 of the first period. It was his first goal this season, in his second game back after missing 17 games because of a concussion.

FLYERS 4, SABRES 1
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Matt Read scored a pair of goals to lead Philadelphia to its fifth win in six games. Vincent Lecavalier also scored and Scott Hartnell added an empty-net goal for the Flyers, who set a season-high with 46 shots. Read's goals came 1:40 apart late in the second period. Steve Downie and Sean Couturier assisted on both tallies for Philadelphia, which outshot Buffalo 46-30.

Tyler Myers netted the lone goal for Buffalo, which is 1-3 under interim coach Ted Nolan and an NHL-worst 5-18-1 this season. The game was the first between two First Nations head coaches. Nolan is

from the Ojibwe tribe and Flyers coach Craig Berube is part-Cree.

Ville Leino and Tyler Ennis had assists for Buffalo, which has lost three straight. **RED WINGS 4, HURRICANES 3**
DETROIT (AP) — Niklas Kronwall was credited with the tiebreaking goal in the third period and Gustav Nyquist had two goals as Detroit broke a seven-game losing streak by beating Carolina. Henrik Zetterberg had two assists, and Darren Helm added a goal for Detroit. Jonas Gustavsson made 24 saves. Andrej Sekera scored twice and Brett Bellemore netted his first NHL goal for Carolina. Justin Peters stopped 43 shots. **PREDATORS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2**
TORONTO (AP) — Craig Smith netted two goals, and rookie defenseman Seth Jones and Matt Cullen also scored to give Nashville a victory over Toronto. Toronto goalie Jonathan



St. Louis Blues goalie Jaroslav Halak (41) looks back at a goal by Boston Bruins center Carl Soderberg (34) during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in Boston.
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Bernier, who shut out the Predators last month and has dominated them during his NHL career, made 24 saves. Nashville rookie Marek Mazanec stopped 24 shots for the victory. Peter Holland scored his first goal with the Maple Leafs since being acquired from the Anaheim Ducks.

Toronto was outshot 28-26 after jumping out to an 11-5 edge. The Maple Leafs couldn't put together much sustained attack time or opportunistic offense after Holland scored 5:48 in.

Nazem Kadri, in his return from an NHL suspension, scored his sixth of the season with 4:32 remaining to bring the Maple Leafs within 4-2.

BLACKHAWKS 6, JETS 3
WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Marian Hossa returned to the lineup and put Chicago ahead for good with a third-period goal in a victory over Winnipeg.

Patrick Kane, Brandon Saad, Jonathan Toews and

Ben Smith each scored for Chicago. Patrick Sharp had an empty-net goal, helping the Blackhawks beat the Jets for the third time in three tries this season.

The first period was all Blackhawks, who held a 12-2 shots advantage. Hossa had missed three games with a lower-body injury. He gave Chicago a 4-3 lead at 3:11 of the third period.

AVALANCHE 4, COYOTES 3
GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) — Ryan O'Reilly scored a power-play goal at 4:18 of overtime, and Colorado bounced back after allowing two third-period goals to beat Phoenix.

Colorado had been the NHL's best team at holding a lead and entered the third period ahead 2-1 on goals by Andre Benoit and John Mitchell.

Phoenix turned up the pressure in the third period and went ahead 3-2 on goals by Martin Hanzal and Antoine Vermette four minutes apart. □

Brees throws 2 TDs, Saints beat Falcons 17-13

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -- The New Orleans Saints have won plenty of games with their dazzling offense.

The defense is doing its part, too.

Drew Brees threw a pair of touchdown passes in the first half and the guys on the other side made sure that was enough, sending the Saints to a 17-13 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Thursday night.

"We're rolling and we can't stop," said Cameron Jordan, who led the way as New Orleans sacked Atlanta's Matt Ryan five times. "We've got to get better." Brees threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham and a 1-yarder to Benjamin Watson, giving the first-place Saints (9-2) a sweep of the season series with their NFC South rivals. Atlanta (2-9) dropped its fifth straight game, clinched its first losing season since 2007 and was officially eliminated from the division race with five weeks remaining.

The Falcons had a chance to pull off the upset, driving to the Saints 29 with less than 3 minutes to go. But New Orleans turned up the pressure on Ryan, Atlanta missed a long field goal, and the Saints ran off all but the last 5 seconds.

New Orleans also forced a crucial fumble early in the fourth quarter. Keyunta Dawson stripped the ball from Falcons rookie re-

ceiver Darius Johnson, and Corey White fell on it at the Saints 13. "We knew coming here was going to be a challenge," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "The two teams, the history, regardless of the record it has always been a close game, and tonight was no exception." The Georgia Dome rocked with chants of "Who Dat! Who Dat!" as the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Saints ensuring they will remain alone atop the NFC South and just one game behind Seattle for home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. New Orleans will face the Seahawks on Dec. 2 in what shapes up as one of the biggest games of the year.

"The identity of the team is still developing," said Jordan, who was credited with 2 1/2 sacks.

The Falcons had hoped to salvage a bit of pride in this lost season, driving from their own 9 - actually, the 3 after Ryan was sacked - to the Saints 29. But Ryan was sacked again by Jordan and hurried into a pair of incompletions. As the crowd groaned, the Falcons surprisingly sent on Matt Bryant to attempt a 52-yard field goal.

He knocked one through, but the Saints called time-out just before the snap. His next try sailed wide of the left upright.

Brees and the offense took it from there, assuring At-



New Orleans Saints tight end Benjamin Watson (82) makes a touch-down catch against Atlanta Falcons free safety Thomas DeCoud (28) during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

lanta had time for only one desperate play at the end. "We responded to momentum changes and some adversity in the football game," Falcons coach Mike Smith said. "But it was still not good enough. If you don't win, it's not good enough."

Brees was 23 of 33 for 278 yards. Ryan was 30 of 39 for 297 yards, but Atlanta's offense produced only one touchdown - the fourth time that has happened during its current skid.

The Falcons, who had been

outscored 135-61 over their previous four games, put together an impressive drive on their opening possession.

Steven Jackson carried it five times for 24 yards, the last of them a dive into the end zone on third-and-goal at the Saints 1 to give Atlanta its first lead in nearly a month. The Falcons had gone nearly 15 quarters - almost four full games - since being up 3-0 over Arizona early in Week 8. The advantage didn't last long. Brees guided a

15-play, 78-yard drive in which the Saints converted five straight times on third down, including Watson's leaping catch in the back of the end zone.

Bryant put the Falcons back ahead with the first of his two field goals, a 39-yarder early in the second quarter, but New Orleans grabbed the lead for good when Graham slipped behind the secondary and hauled in his long touchdown.

He celebrated by dunking over the goalpost and hung on the crossbar for extra emphasis, and ended up bending the post. As the Saints lined up to attempt the extra point, the officials noticed the crooked uprights, leading to a brief delay as a worker came out with a ladder to straighten the bar.

The Falcons got in position to recapture the lead, driving to the New Orleans 10. On third-and-goal, Ryan couldn't find an open receiver and took off running, briefly spotting a path to the end zone. But the Saints closed in quickly, prompting Ryan to slide down at the 6 rather than risk an injury.

Some Atlanta fans booed as Matty Ice trotted off the field. Atlanta settled for another field goal from 24 yards and trailed 14-13 at the half.

The Falcons got no closer. The only points of the second half came on Garrett Hartley's 41-yard field goal. □

Williams earns 5th WTA player of the year award

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida (AP) — Serena Williams has warned the rest of women's tennis there is more to come from her after she was named WTA player of the year for the second year running and the fifth time overall.

Williams enjoyed one of

the greatest seasons in WTA history. She won 78 of 82 matches, the U.S. Open and French Open among 11 titles, and a record \$12,385,572 in prize money. Since February, she's been the oldest No. 1 in WTA history. She's now 32.

She says, "I have some ar-

reas where I can do a lot better for next year and I look forward to it. Overall I'll remember the wins, but I also want to learn from my mistakes so I don't repeat them."

Williams was also player of the year in 2002, '08, '09 and '12. □



Serena Williams of the U.S reacts after she returned the last shot to Li Na of China during their final tennis match at the WTA Championship in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

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Web inventor: Surveillance threatens democracy

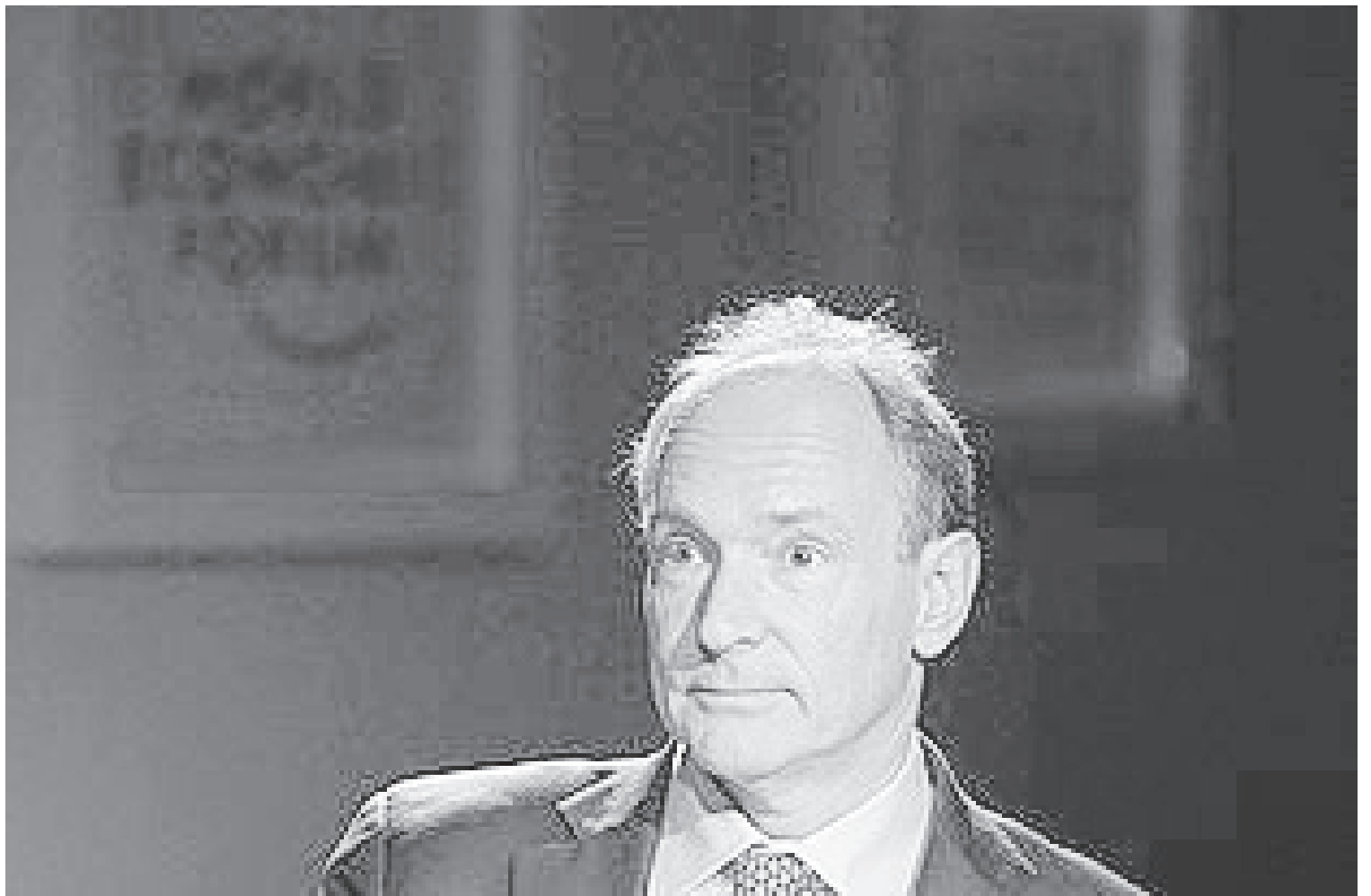
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LONDON (AP) — The scientist credited with inventing the World Wide Web spoke out Friday against what he called a “growing tide of surveillance and censorship,” warning that it is threatening the future of democracy. Tim Berners-Lee, who launched the Web in 1990, made the remarks as he released his World Wide Web Foundation’s annual report tracking the Web’s impact and global censorship. The index ranked Sweden first in Web access, openness and freedom, followed by Norway, the U.K. and the United States.

“One of the most encouraging findings of this year’s Web Index is how the Web and social media are increasingly spurring people to organize, take action and try to expose wrongdoing in every region of the world,” said Berners-Lee, 58. “But some governments are threatened by this, and a growing tide of surveillance and censorship now threatens the future of democracy,” he said, adding that steps need to be taken to protect privacy rights and ensure users can continue to gather and speak out freely online.

The warning from Berners-Lee is the latest in a global debate about surveillance and privacy, sparked



Sir Tim Berners-Lee says the Federal Government’s data retention plan will be used to build “dossiers” on every single person in the country.

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by the release of classified documents leaked by former National Security Agency analyst Edward Snowden that showed the extent of government spying on people’s online lives. While the leaks focused on the work of the NSA, scrutiny has since spread to other Western intelligence agencies. Friday’s report said online spying and blocking are on the rise around

the world, and politically sensitive Web content is blocked in almost one in three countries. Despite their high overall rankings, the U.S. and Britain both received mediocre scores for safeguarding users’ privacy. Mexico was the highest ranking emerging economy at 30th. Russia came in 41st, China was at 57th, and Mali, Ethiopia and Yemen were at the bottom of

the list. Rich countries did not necessarily do better than poorer ones — Estonia, for example, ranked higher than Switzerland, while Qatar and Saudi Arabia performed far worse than their income ranking would suggest.

Many of the 81 countries surveyed have failed to use the Web to properly disseminate basic information on health and education,

and the majority of governments hide important data such as information about land ownership and company registration, the report said. About 39 percent of the global population was online in 2013 — more than double from 2005, which recorded 16 percent. In Africa, fewer than one in five people are using the Internet, with many saying they cannot afford it. □

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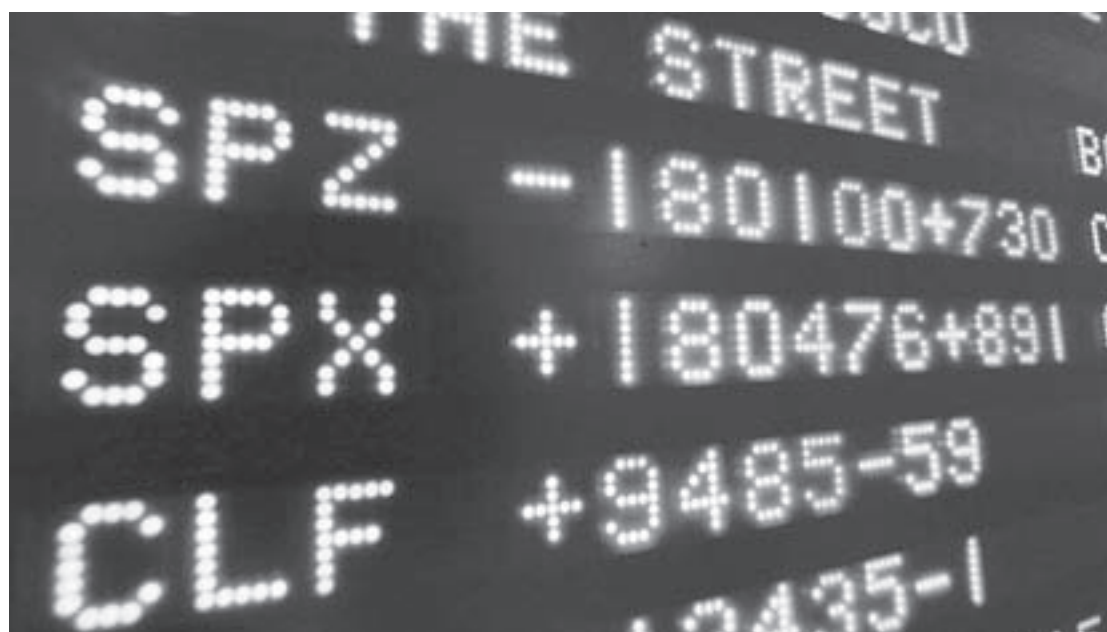
S&P 500 closes above 1,800 for first time

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market vaulted past another milestone on Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,800 for the first time, capping seven straight weeks of gains. The broader index is on track for its best performance in 15 years as a combination of solid corporate earnings, a strengthening economy and easy-money policies from the Federal Reserve draw investors to stocks. Stocks have also gained because they offer an attractive alternative to

0.3 percent, to 16,064.77. The Nasdaq composite rose 22.49 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,991.65. On Friday, health care stocks led the market's rise. Biotechnology company Biogen Idec surged on reports that it won market exclusivity for its top-selling multiple sclerosis drug in Europe. The company's stock jumped \$33.19, or 13 percent, to \$285.62. Health care stocks have also led gains in the S&P 500 this year, rising 38 percent. The industry is attractive to investors. Some of its companies, like Biogen Idec, offer the possibility of explosive growth. Others are established play-

stock pickers that will tend to do better." Among single stocks that have done well this year, there are two standouts, Netflix and Best Buy. Netflix has surged 276 percent as the video streaming service and DVD rental company continues to add subscribers. Best Buy has surged 232 percent as the company's turnaround strategy appears to be working after a tough 2012. Still, there are also grounds for caution. Given the strong gains this year, stocks are no longer a bargain. "I'm not pounding the table anymore saying this is the cheapest U.S. equity



A board at the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing number for the Stand & Poor's 500 index, center, Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. The S&P rose nine points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 1,804.76. The stock market is on track for a 27 percent gain this year.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

bonds, where interest rates remain close to all-time lows. "You can't really get better returns other than in the stock market," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital. "It's been a quality run-up in stocks." The S&P 500 index rose 8.91 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,804.76. The index has advanced 26.5 percent in 2013. If it finishes at that level, it would be its strongest year since a 26.7 percent gain in 1998. The Dow Jones industrial average also continued its upward march after finishing above 16,000 for the first time Thursday. The index gained 54.78 points, or

ers like Pfizer, which pays big dividends. Health insurance companies have also done well this year as the Affordable Care Act rolls out. Despite their big gains, stocks could continue to rise. The economy is forecast to keep recovering and that helps companies increase their earnings. And while stock valuations have risen, they are still attractive compared with bonds. However, investors will likely have to look harder to find winning stocks next year, said Paul Hogan, co-manager of the FAM Equity-Income Fund. "We've had the rising tide, but going forward, it's the

market in decades," said Andres Garcia-Amaya, a global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. While investors shouldn't necessarily sell, they should temper their expectations for the level of returns, he said. The price-earnings ratio of S&P 500 companies, a measure of how much investors are willing to pay for a stock in relation to its earnings, has climbed to 14.9 from 12.6 at the start of the year. Also, the rally in stocks is getting long in the tooth. The S&P 500 has surged more than 160 percent, since the bull market for stocks began 56 months ago — in March, 2009. □



A Netflix logo on a sign is seen outside of the Netflix headquarters in Los Gatos, Calif.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

NetFlix leads this year's S&P 500

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Standard & Poor's 500 index has closed above 1,800 for the first time and is up 27 percent this year. The index, which is made up of 500 large companies, includes some big winners and losers. The following is a list of the three biggest gainers and the three biggest decliners so far in 2013.

The Winners:

— **Netflix:** The video streaming and DVD rental company is playing well with investors. Its stock has jumped 276 percent this year and hit a 52-week high of \$389 in October, when its earnings quadrupled and it added 1.3 million more U.S. subscribers. Netflix is increasingly viewed as a TV network with hit original programming that can siphon away viewers from HBO and other rivals. Shares closed at \$347.85 Friday.

— **Best Buy:** The electronics retailer is turning itself around under new CEO Hubert Joly. The stock is up 232 percent this year after shuttering underperforming stores and revamping others to offset tough competition. It has also instituted a price-matching policy, opened more in-store areas for brands such as Apple and Samsung and invested more in employee training. Last December, Best Buy languished at \$11, now it's almost \$40. Shares closed at \$39.37 Friday.

— **Micron Technology:** The chipmaker is getting a memory boost. The stock is up 219 percent this year. Its chips, found in computers, cars and mobile devices, are benefiting from consolidation in the industry. In July, it completed an acquisition of Japan's Elpida Memory Inc., which helped boost its fiscal fourth-quarter results. Revenue for that quarter, which ended in August, jumped 45 percent. Shares closed at a 52-week high of \$20.19 Friday.

The Losers:

— **J.C. Penney:** The beleaguered retailer has shown flashes of life lately, but it's still the biggest percentage loser on the S&P 500 index, with a drop of 55 percent this year. The company began its downward spiral during an ill-fated transformation strategy under former CEO Ron Johnson, who was fired in April after 17 months on the job. Now, experts say investors are encouraged that Mike Ullman, who took the top job after having led the retailer for seven years before, is beginning to stabilize the business. Shares closed at \$8.87 Friday.

— **Newmont Mining:** Things aren't so golden for Newmont. The miner is coping with dropping gold prices and its stock is off 45 percent in 2013. Gold prices peaked in 2011 and have fallen sharply this year. Newmont's revenue in the third quarter slid 20 percent. Shares closed at \$25.74 Friday.

— **Cliffs Natural Resources:** Miners have been hit hard this year by Europe's economic struggles and questions about China's growth. Cleveland-based mining company Cliffs has managed to lower costs but its stock is still down 33 percent. □

Don't bet your shirt on a great 2014 for stocks

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't bet your shirt on a repeat performance.

That's the message from some of the biggest U.S. investment firms as the Dow Jones industrial average has closed above 16,000 for the first time and the Standard & Poor's 500 index is on the cusp of its best year in a decade with a gain of 25.9 percent.

Although investment professionals still are optimistic, investors shouldn't expect such outsized gains will be repeated.

The S&P 500, the Dow and other stock indexes have risen steadily as the Federal Reserve has maintained its economic stimulus to keep long-term interest rates low, and the economy has continued to strengthen. Although economic growth hasn't been spectacular, it has been strong enough enable companies to keep increasing their earnings.

We asked professionals at three big money managers, T. Rowe Price, Franklin Templeton and BlackRock for their thoughts on how the stock market will shape up next year.

ON THE OUTLOOK FOR STOCKS

A double-digit gain is not out of the question.

Many of the tail winds for the stock market are still in place, but they may start to weaken next year. Corporate earnings are strong, but profit margins could be peaking. Interest rates are still low compared to historical levels, but will likely rise gradually, particularly if the Fed starts to pull-back on its bond-buying stimulus program.

However, the biggest challenge to the stock market is that valuations have risen so much this year, says Larry Puglia, portfolio manager of T. Rowe Price's Blue Chip Growth fund. That is to say, investors have been willing to pay more for a company's future earnings, pushing up prices. The price-earnings ratio for S&P 500 companies has risen

to 15 from 12.5 at the start of this year, according to FactSet.

"We still find selected stocks attractive and think that the market's OK, but I would be surprised if the market...was able to duplicate the type of gains we've had this year," says Puglia. He still thinks stocks could rise as much as 10 percent.

Conrad Hermann, a portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton says that statistics show that when the market logs an annual gain of 20 percent or more, it has been followed by another year of gains on two out three occasions -- for an average gain of 11.5 percent the next year.

ON THE BEST INDUSTRY TO INVEST IN

Technology companies are the big favorite.

The tech industry should benefit from rising spending in an improving global economy, says BlackRock's chief investment strategist Russ Koesterich. He also says that technology stocks are typically less sensitive to rising interest rates than other industry groups are.

Many tech stocks don't pay a dividend, making them less sensitive to higher bond yields, and with strong new products they should grow profits. That suggests if interest rates climb, tech stocks should perform better than the overall market.

Tech companies are also less richly priced than some other parts of the market, while still offering good growth prospects. Those in the S&P 500 are trading at 14.4 times their projected earnings over the next 12 months. That makes them less expensive than health care stocks, which are priced at 16.7 times expected earnings, and industrial companies, which are valued at 16.1 times earnings.

ON A REDUCTION OF FED STIMULUS

Investors have been obsessed with the Fed all year and the stock market's big-

gest setbacks have come when they thought that policymakers were poised to cut back on economic stimulus. The S&P 500 has dropped in only two months this year, June and

the forefront of investors' minds. The 16-day partial government shutdown in October hurt consumer confidence and crimped economic growth. A repeat of that political wran-

low interest rates which has made stock market returns more attractive. If bond yields were to rise suddenly the economy would suffer. The Fed's policy is predicated on buying bonds to



500.com Inc. CEO Man San Vincent Law, right, and specialist Mark Otto celebrate as the company begins trading during its initial public offering, on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Nov. 22, 2013. The Shenzhen, China-based company is a leading online sports lottery service provider in China. As the Dow Jones industrial average closes above 16,000 for the first time, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index is on the cusp of its best year in a decade with a gain of 25.9 percent, some of the biggest U.S. investment firms are suggesting investors do not bet their shirts on a repeat performance in 2014!
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

August. In both months investors sold stocks on concern that the Fed was about to stop its stimulus. Instead, the central bank surprised investors in September by continuing its stimulus and now investors are getting more accustomed to the idea the Fed's efforts must end at some point. Sure, there may be a knee-jerk reaction when the Fed acts, but it won't last. Ultimately investors will see the end of stimulus as a sign that the economy is continuing to improve. Fed policymakers have also stressed that the end of stimulus will not necessarily be immediately followed by higher interest rates. "It will be a positive signal to the market that the economy can stand on its own two feet and doesn't need this super aggressive Federal Reserve action," says Puglia of T. Rowe Price.

ON THE BIGGEST RISKS
Unsurprisingly, the dysfunction in Washington is still at

gling next year would likely hurt the economy again. Stocks are also vulnerable to a sharp rise in interest rates. The market's rally from its lows in March 2009 has been underpinned by

hold down interest rates. If investors get nervous as the central bank cuts its bond purchases, removing a support for the market, bond yields could jump as investors dump bonds. □

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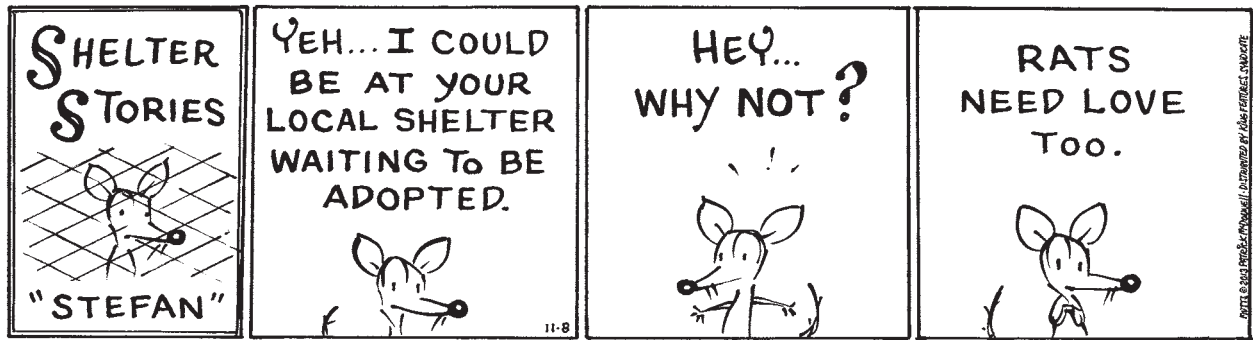
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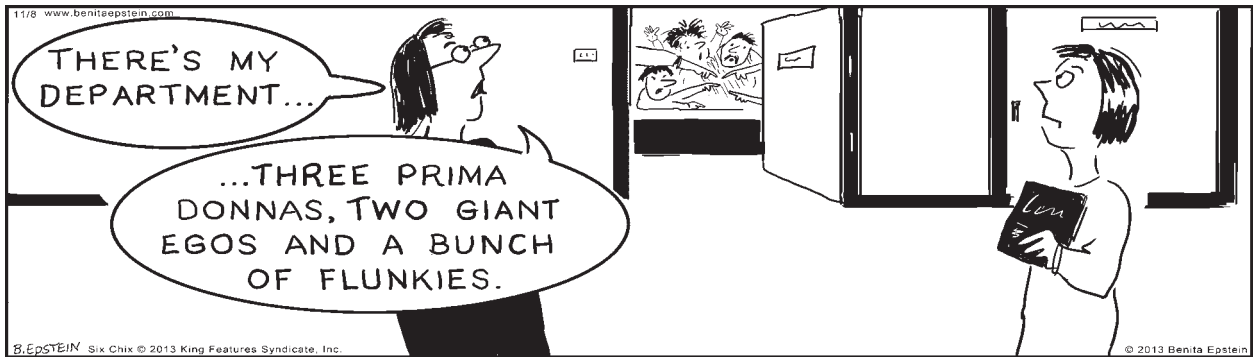
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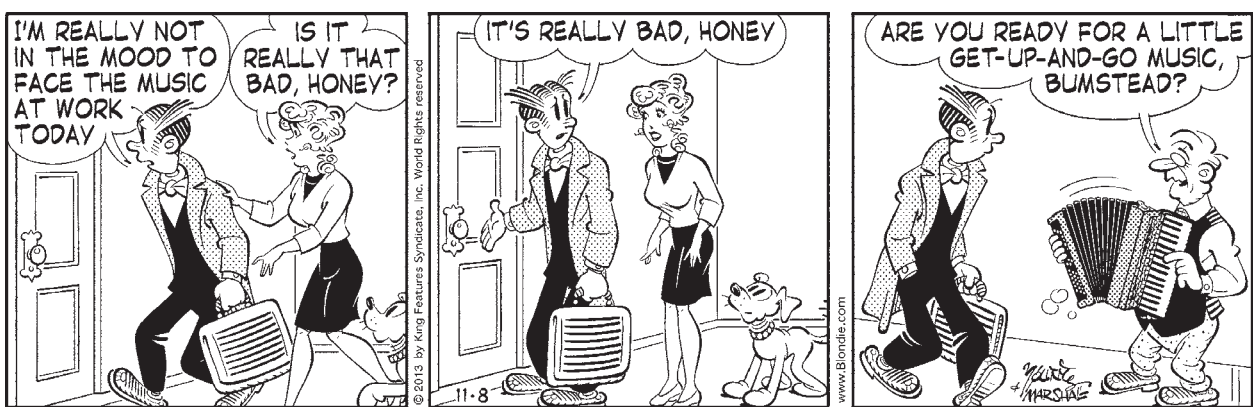
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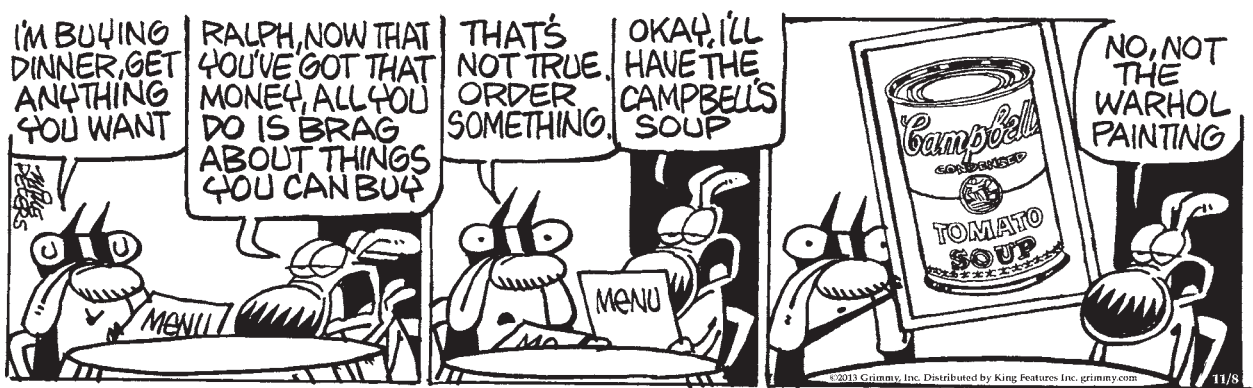
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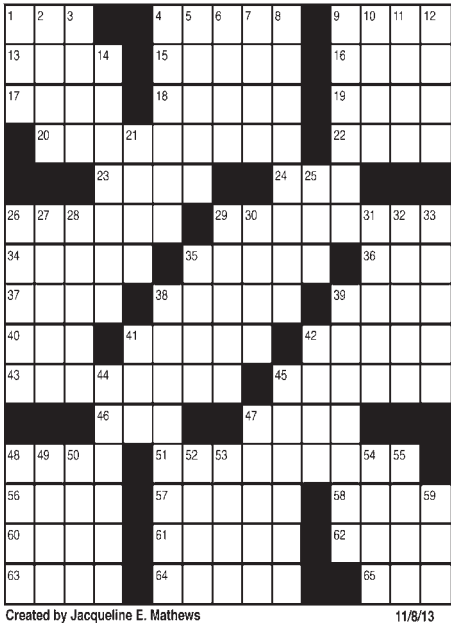
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Loud phone talkers next bane of air travelers?

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ

AP Airlines Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Airline passengers have already been stripped of their legroom, hot meals and personal space. Now, on American flights, they might also lose their silence.

The Federal Communications Commission is con-

limited bandwidth.

Amtrak and many regional American railways have created quiet cars for those who don't want to be trapped next to a loud talker. It's not hard to envision airlines offering "quiet rows," although there will probably be an extra fee to sit there. Hopefully, they'll be more effective

Within hours of the FCC's announcement, the cell-phone industry voiced its support. Airlines already charge for Internet access. It's not too much of a stretch to imagine them charging for phone use. Allowing calls isn't so much a safety issue as one about what is socially acceptable. "There are simply far too many people who consider themselves too important to stop talking as a courtesy to other passengers, especially when, given airplane background noise, they'll probably

have to talk louder than usual," said Benjamin Stolt, who flies nearly 200,000 miles (322,000 kilometers) a year. Ultimately, it might be left up to the airlines to decide. American and United Airlines said they would wait for an FCC decision and then study the issue. Delta Air Lines was much more firm, saying passenger feedback for years has shown "overwhelming" support for a ban. JetBlue and Southwest also noted a desire for silence, but added that tastes and desires change. □



A traveler on Delta Airlines waits for her flight in Detroit. For the past decade fliers haven't been able to use electronic devices while planes are below 10,000 feet because they might interfere with cockpit instrument, but the Federal Aviation Administration declared Thursday Nov. 21, 2013, that interference isn't a concern anymore.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel, File)

sidering lifting its longtime prohibition on making phone calls on airplanes, saying it is time "to review our outdated and restrictive rules."

But for many passengers, that would mean the elimination of one of the last sanctuaries from our hyper-connected world. Everybody wants the ability to stay connected while traveling, but nobody wants to be trapped next to some guy yapping away during an entire long flight.

"The only way I'd be in favor of this is if the FCC mandated that all those who want to use their cell-phones must sit next to families with screaming children," said frequent flier Joe Winogradoff.

Most Middle East airlines and a few in Asia and Europe already allow voice calls on planes. Passengers' phone signals are either relayed via a satellite or through a special "pico-cell" to the ground. Voice calls technically can be made on some U.S. planes today via satellite, but airlines block providers such as Skype, in part because they fear it will eat up the

than the old smoking and non-smoking sections. One flight attendant union has already come out against any change, saying that a plane full of chattering passengers could lead to arguments and undermine safety. Passenger Kai Xu had another concern: What's going to happen to the already limited bathrooms on the plane?

"Are they going to become the telephone booths for those who want to talk on the phone in private?" he said.

Not everybody hates the idea. Craig Robins, a lawyer who flies close to 100,000 miles (161,000 kilometers) a year, said a relaxation of the ban would be "a mixed blessing."

"Having the ability to communicate with my office, my family and my friends, especially for making necessary plans for airport pickups and meetings on the day of arrival, is invaluable," he said. "Of course, the downside is with the inconsiderate flier who is oblivious to how loud he or she is talking. That is what will drive us crazy."

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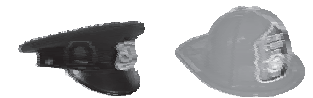
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Wild winter this year? Not likely, NOAA forecasts

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
 AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The weather forecast for this winter is mostly a shrug of the shoulders.

For most of the nation, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration predicts equal chances for unusual warmth, cold, snow, rain and even average weather. That's because of an absence of certain global weather factors, like El Nino - a warming of the central Pacific that affects temperatures and rainfall worldwide

NOAA's Mike Halpert said Thursday that the winter isn't likely to be too memorable or unusual, except in the South where drought should deepen in the southwest and develop in the southeast.

Forecasters expect unusual warmth from Arizona to Alabama and also in New England. The extreme U.S. north, around the Dakotas, is likely to be colder than normal.

Just because forecasters are predicting equal



This Feb. 28, 2012 file photo shows a snow blower clearing a road after an overnight storm dropped several inches of snow near Echo Summit Calif.

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chances for nearly everything, that doesn't mean it has to be a normal year, said Halpert, acting director of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center in College Park, Md. It just means the large-scale climate factors that forecasters use, such as El Nino, aren't giving them strong signals or pat-

terns, he said.

But extremes tend to happen with El Ninos, so Halpert added, "we're probably more likely to see something more benign" for the winter.

And the winter weather is likely to change more from week to week, rather than persisting heavy cold and

snowy or mild for weeks on end, Halpert said.

NOAA's forecast doesn't look for individual blizzards or events, just averages. So a winter that doesn't look extreme doesn't mean it will be free of snowstorms, Halpert said. He said residents in snow-prone areas shouldn't put away their

snow shovels.

And in places like the mid-Atlantic, where the nation's capital has had less than 5 inches of snow for two years, the odds are against the snow-drought continuing for a third year, Halpert said.

Private weather forecast companies also cited mixed and lack of signals in their forecasts, which ranged from warm to cold. The Weather Channel sees a winter that's warmer than normal for the coastal Northeast and mid-Atlantic, the South, the West and much of the lower Midwest. The country's northernmost states should be a bit cooler than normal, the company forecasts

Accuweather sees a late start to winter in the East, near record warmth in the South, but plenty of snow and extreme cold in the North, upper Midwest, Northwest and the Rockies. Weather Bell Analytics sees a colder and snowier winter for much of the country, centered around the nation's heartland. □

Ancient wine cellar reveals a sophisticated drink

MALCOLM RITTER
 AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have uncovered a 3,700-year-old wine cellar in the ruins of a Canaanite palace in Israel, and chemical analysis shows this is where they kept the good stuff.

Samples from the ceramic jars suggest they held a luxurious beverage that was evidently reserved for banquets, researchers said.

"It's not wine that somebody is just going to come home from a hard day and kick back and drink," said Andrew Koh of Brandeis

University. He found signs of a blend of ingredients that may have included honey, mint, cedar, tree resins and cinnamon bark.

The discovery confirms how sophisticated wines were at that time, something suggested only by ancient texts, said Eric Cline of George Washington University. He, Koh and Assaf Yasur-Landau of the University of Haifa in Israel spoke to reporters Thursday before their work was presented Friday at a meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

The wine cellar was found

this summer in palace ruins near the modern town of Nahariya in northern Israel. Researchers found 40 ceramic jars, each big enough to hold about 13 gallons, in a single room. There may be more wine stored elsewhere, but the amount found so far wouldn't be enough to supply the local population, which is why the researchers believe it was reserved for palace use, Cline said.

The unmarked jars are all similar, as if made by the same potter, Yasur-Landau said. Chemical analysis indicates that the jars held red wine and possibly white wine, Koh said. No liquid was left, and he analyzed residues he had removed from the jars.

Patrick McGovern of the University of Pennsylvania, an expert in ancient winemaking, said the discovery "sheds important new light" on the development



This undated photo provided by George Washington University shows 3,700-year-old jars were found in the ruins of a recently discovered wine cellar in a Canaanite palace that dates back to approximately 1700 B.C., near the modern town of Nahariya in northern Israel.

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of winemaking in ancient Canaan, from which it later spread to Egypt and across the Mediterranean. He said the chemical analysis would have to be published before the ingredients of the wine could be assessed. Curtis Runnels, an archaeologist at Boston University, called the find-

ing significant not only in showing the sophistication of the wine, but also in suggesting that it was meant specifically for palace use. He noted that the chemical analysis showed each jar held wine from the same recipe, showing the "consistency and control you'd expect in a palace." □

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Vince Vaughn focuses on family-friendly fare



This Nov. 17, 2013 file photo shows Vince Vaughn at a screening of "Delivery Man" hosted by The Cinema Society and DreamWorks Pictures in New York.

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NATALIE ROTMAN

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the new movie "Delivery Man," Vince Vaughn plays a sperm donor who learns he's fathered more

than 500 kids.

In the past, that kind of scenario might have been the set up for a film with adult humor, given the actor's portfolio. But "Delivery Man" is decidedly family-friendly

fare, and reflects the stage of life where the 43-year-old married father of two finds himself these days.

"I think that this is a whole other level, in that the movie, in a real non-sentimental way, takes you on a journey. That is a little bit about family, sure — connection," he said in a recent interview. "But also I think a little bit about accepting yourself, forgiving yourself. Being open to being who are, and having people accept you and interact with you, whatever that may be."

Vaughn, whose films have included "Wedding Crashers," "Swingers," "Old School" and "The Break-Up," married Kyla Weber in 2010 and the couple has a young son and daughter. When asked how fatherhood has changed him, he pointed to his relationship with Weber.

"It's made me realize for myself how important it is, my relationship with my wife," he said. "I think the best thing you can do, on some level, as a father is to love their mom. I think there's something very simple in that,

but it also really touches on a lot of different aspects.

"It is very profound. My wife for example, just me and her, as I see that when I work it falls on her," he added. "I was fortunate, I took some time off and I've been able to be around. You realize how important it is to try to make sure that you're taking time for each other. To have some fun and to connect. To laugh and do something that you both enjoy."

Vaughn, who is also in the next month's "Anchorman 2: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," has been more involved behind the scenes, in the past, producing films like "Couples Retreat" and "The Break-Up."

But now that he's a dad, having his hand in multiple aspects of filmmaking isn't a priority anymore.

"I don't know, it just depends. It was so fun to come and do another movie. I could just show up and be an actor and go home," he said. "(I) think with the kids now it is not as motivated necessarily." □

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From left, Francesca Eastwood, Miss Golden Globe 2013, Theo Kingma, HFPA President, and Sosie Bacon, Miss Golden Globe 2014, on stage during a press conference announcing Miss Golden Globe 2014 held at the Fig & Olive on Thursday November 21, 2013 in West Hollywood, Calif.

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Hollywood daughter wins Miss Golden Globe

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Golden Globe season has officially begun with the crowning of aspiring actress Sosie Bacon, the daughter of Globe winners Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick, as Miss Golden Globe 2014. Chosen each year by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, Miss Golden Globe assists with the Globes ceremony and is typically the daughter of Hollywood celebrities. The outgoing recipient is Fran-

cesca Eastwood, daughter of Clint Eastwood and Frances Fisher. The announcement was made Thursday evening at a star-studded affair held at the tony West Hollywood restaurant Fig and Olive. "As a young actress who is just beginning my career, it is truly an honor to be a part of such a special night in film and television," said Sosie Bacon in a statement. The Golden Globes will be presented Jan. 12. □

Hugh Jackman treated for skin cancer on nose

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — "The Wolverine" star Hugh Jackman revealed he has been treated for skin cancer and shared a selfie showing his bandaged nose. "Deb said to get the mark on my nose checked. Boy, was she right!" he wrote on Instagram, referring to his wife, Deborra-Lee Furness. The 45-year-old Oscar-nominated Jackman said he had a basal cell carcinoma, a common form of skin cancer that is rarely fatal. The note he posted early Friday didn't say when his medical treatment took place. "Please don't be foolish like me. Get yourself checked. And USE sunscreen!!!" he wrote. Australia has the highest skin cancer rate in the world, and two in three Australians will be diagnosed before age 70, according to the national health department.



Actor Hugh Jackman, left, and his wife, actress Deborra-Lee Furness, right, attend the New Yorkers For Children Fall Gala 2013 in this, Sept. 17, 2013 file photo taken in New York.

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Jackman is an advocate for cancer research. He has revealed that when he asked his mother-in-law Fay Duncan — president of the Fight Cancer Foundation in Australia — for her blessing when he proposed to Furness, she told him that supporting the fight against cancer was one of the requirements to get that blessing. □

Allison Janney is a comedy buff at home in 'Mom'



In this July 29, 2013 file photo, cast member Allison Janney participates in the "Mom" panel at the CBS Summer TCA at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. "Mom," airs on Mondays on CBS.

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BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Allison Janney extends the maxim that the best actors can entertain simply by reading a phone book. She manages with commercials. Her voice is warm and bur-nished with compassion on radio and TV voiceover spots for a health care provider, possibly the most melodic soft-sell ever. Then there's her real craft. Consider, for instance, her sharp, take-no-prisoners delivery as C.J. Gregg in "The West Wing," and her manic chatter as a blowsy woman in the indie film "The Way Way Back." Or enjoy the sly purr she employs as Bonnie, a wayward but good-hearted parent and grandparent who's trying to stay reformed in the new CBS sitcom "Mom" (9:30 EST Monday). Anna Faris co-stars as her similarly imperfect daughter. "It's acting," Janney said. "I feel like actors like to be challenged and play all different types of roles. For whatever reason, I've been given the opportu-

nity to do so."

That reason, of course, is she is an enormously gifted and appealing performer with a range that's second to none. Her talent has been on display on Broadway, where she earned Tony nominations for "9 to 5" and "A View from the Bridge," and in movies including "American Beauty" and "Drop Dead Gorgeous." She earned four Emmy Awards for playing White House press secretary C.J. Cregg in "The West Wing." In person, the willowy Janney is polite and soft-spoken — the product, the Ohio native says, of her proper Midwestern upbringing. She's also prone to a full-throated laugh, along with charming moments of candor and modesty. Her 6-foot height, she says, earned her some brutal early career assessments from short-sighted agents: One said her roles would be limited to a handful of options, including aliens. And Janney acknowledges that her 1999-2006 experience on the intricate, densely scripted political

drama from Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network," HBO's "The Newsroom") was something she treasures but also acutely recalls as demanding. "It was fascinating to be part of that, and all the people in Washington who wanted to be part of it because it's the first time they were made to look good and exciting," she said. Then there was the thrill of "going to D.C. and feeling like a rock star." The heavy shooting schedule, however, required a commitment that meant missing "a lot of family things, and weddings and funerals," and putting relationships a distant second to work, said Janney, who is single. A multi-camera comedy like "Mom" offers a different experience, with shorter rehearsal days followed by a Friday taping. "This is so civilized," she said, both for her and for Faris, "who has a baby and can see her child grow up." But it's laughs that Janney really is after. "Comedy is what I love the best. I'm just drawn to it," she said, with Carol Burnett and Mary Tyler Moore among her TV favorites as a youngster. In her early years on stage, in college and with regional theaters, she flexed her comic muscles. "I just thought it was the most fun you could have," Janney said. Serious drama has its own rewards, she added, but also drawbacks. "If I have to be in a dark emotional place, I spend my day looking for reasons to be in that state, so I can bring it when I need to (for a role). I can do it, but it's just a lot trickier for me," she said. With "Mom," Janney sees the best of worlds, a combination of humor with "serious moments of love or disappointment or fear," not just what she calls the "joke-joke-joke-joke" barrage typical of many TV comedies. She admits to nervousness at work, from the initial script reading to just before the taping begins. □

Let's Make A Deal



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ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates - The Middle East once again proves that if you eat right, exercise regularly and don't smoke, you'll live long enough to see everything, including a day when the Jews controlling Jerusalem and the Sunni Saudi Custodians of the Great Mosques of Mecca and Medina would form a tacit alliance against the Shiite Persians of Iran and the Protestants of America - with the Hindus of India and the Confucians of China also supporting America, sort of, while the secularist French play all sides.

I've now seen everything. But is this good news? At one level, yes. I attended a Gulf security conference here in Abu Dhabi that included officials and experts from all over the Arab/Muslim world. In the opening session, Shimon Peres, Israel's president, flanked by the white and blue Israeli flag, gave an address by satellite from his office in Jerusalem. Good for the United Arab Emirates, the conference sponsor, for making that happen. Seeing the Israeli president speak to an audience dotted with Arab headdresses reminded me of the Oslo days, when Israelis and Arabs held business conferences in Cairo and Amman.

But this tacit Israeli-Sunni Arab cooperation is not based on any sort of reconciliation but on the tribal tradition that my enemy's enemy is my friend - and the enemy is Iran, which has been steadily laying the groundwork to build a nuclear weapon. Diplomats and ministers from Israel and the Israel lobby have been working Congress, while officials from Arab Gulf states have been telling the Obama administration directly the same message: how much they oppose the proposed deal that Secretary of State John Kerry and the foreign ministers of France, Britain, Russia, China and Germany have drafted to trade limited sanctions relief in return for Iran's starting to roll back its nuclear program.

Never have I seen Israel and America's core Arab allies working more in concert to stymie a major foreign policy initiative of a sitting U.S. president, and never have I seen more lawmakers - Democrats and Republicans - more willing to take Israel's side against their own president's. I'm certain this comes less from any careful consideration of the facts and more from a growing tendency by many American lawmakers to do whatever the Israel lobby asks them to do in order to garner Jewish votes and campaign donations.

That said, I don't mind Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel and

King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia going ballistic - in stereo - over this proposed deal. It gives Kerry more leverage. Kerry can tell the Iranians: "Look, our friends are craaaaaazzy. And one of them has a big air force. You better sign quick." No, I don't begrudge Israel and the Arabs their skepticism, but we still should not let them stop a deal. If you're not skeptical about Iran, you're not paying attention. Iran has lied and cheated its way to the precipice of building a bomb, and without tough economic sanctions - sanctions that President Barack Obama engineered but which Netanyahu and the Arab states played a key role in driving - Iran would not be at the negotiating table. I also understand the specific concerns of the Gulf Arabs, which I'd summarize as: "It looks to us as if you want to do this deal and then get out of the region - and leave behind an Iran that will only become economically more powerful, at a time when it already has enormous malign influence in Syria, Iraq, in Lebanon through Hezbollah, and in Bahrain."

I get it, but I also don't think we'd just abandon them. In the long run, the deal Kerry is trying to forge with Iran is good for us and our allies for four reasons: 1) In return for very limited sanctions relief, the deal is expected to freeze all of Iran's nuclear bomb-making technologies, roll back some of them and put in place an unprecedented, intrusive inspection regime, while maintaining all the key oil sanctions so Iran will still be hurting plenty. This way Iran can't "build a bomb and talk" at the same time (the way Israel builds more settlements while it negotiates with Palestinians). Iran freezes and rolls back part of its program now, while we negotiate a full deal to lift sanctions in return for Iran agreeing to restrictions that make it impossible for it to break out with a nuclear weapon. 2) While, Netanyahu believes more sanctions will get Iran to surrender every piece of its nuclear technology, Iran experts say that is highly unlikely. 3) Iran has already mastered the technology to make a bomb (and polls show that this is very popular with Iranians). There is no way to completely eliminate every piece of Iran's nuclear technology unless you wipe every brain clean there. 4) The only lasting security lies in an internal transformation in Iran, which can only come with more openness. Kerry's deal would roll back Iran's nuclear program, while also strengthening more moderate tendencies in Iran. Maybe that will go nowhere, or maybe it will lead to more internal changes. It's worth a carefully constructed test.

If Israel kills this U.S.-led deal, then the only option is military. How many Americans or NATO allies will go for bombing Iran after Netanyahu has blocked the best effort to explore a credible diplomatic alternative? Not many. That means only Israel will have a military option. If Israel uses it, it may set Iran back, but it will also set Iran free to rush to a bomb. Is Israel ready to bomb Iran every six months? □



The Public Needs A Nap



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One of the many problems with the Senate filibuster rule is that it requires us to think about the Senate filibuster rule.

The American public has other things to do! The American public is extremely busy! The holidays are coming up, and the American public's workload is somewhat larger than, say, that of the House of Representatives, which is planning to show up for four full days in the month of December. So give the American public a break.

The filibuster is, of course, the fascinating Senate tradition that allows a minority of members to stop action on a bill unless the majority can come up with 60 votes. Every once in a while the majority gets fed up with all this stonewalling and threatens to change the rules. This is known as the "nuclear option" because change is worse than atomic war.

"If the Democrats proceed to use this nuclear option in this way, it will be Obamacare II," cried Sen. Lamar Alexander on Wednesday.

This was in keeping with a new congressional tradition under which Republicans making remarks on the floor of the House or Senate are required to mention the Affordable Care Act at least once every 35 seconds.

Veteran Democrats, who enjoyed throwing rocks into the

Senate gears themselves when they were in the minority, have been reluctant to push the button. But now they're furious over what's been happening to nominations to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. It has three vacancies, and the Republicans have been refusing to allow a vote on the three Obama nominees to fill them. Tempers have flared.

Since the nominees were two women and a black man, Democrats have strongly suggested - well, you know.

"When the other side gets desperate, they turn to their last line of defense: accuse us Republicans of bias," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa during a brief and rather desultory debate.

Yes, and when the Republicans get desperate they ... wait for it.

"There is no crisis in the D.C. Circuit because they don't have enough work to do as it is," Grassley said. "There is a crisis occurring now all across the country as a result of the health care reform bill that often goes by the terminology of Obamacare."

Honestly, it's a wonder they make it through the opening prayer.

Do we think the Republicans are stopping the Obama nominees because one is black and two are women? Let's be fair. Janice Rogers Brown, a George W. Bush appointee on the D.C. Circuit, is an African-American woman. Brown wrote the recent majority opinion that held that the government couldn't require employers to include contraceptives in their insurance coverage. Brown once called the New Deal a "socialist revolution." If President Barack Obama nominated a couple of Janice Rogers Brown clones and threw in a duplicate Clarence Thomas, the Republicans would be over the moon.

The D.C. Circuit hears a lot of cases about federal regulations. The eight judges who are sitting are divided 4-4 between Republican and Democratic appointees, but there are also six senior judges who are working after semiretirement. Five of them are

Republican nominees. So the president would naturally like to fill those three vacancies.

The first nominee to come up for a vote, Patricia Millett, was a sort of double dare. She was an assistant solicitor general during the Bush administration. She had argued 32 cases before the Supreme Court. She volunteers at a homeless shelter. Her husband is a Navy veteran. Her husband was once deployed while Millett was arguing a case before the Supreme Court!

The Republicans blocked her nomination, which made it abundantly clear that the next two - Georgetown Law professor Nina Pillard and Robert Wilkins, an African-American district court judge - weren't going anywhere either.

The Republicans say they'll never allow any D.C. Circuit nominations to go through because the court doesn't have enough work for 11 judges and filling the vacancies would cost what Grassley estimates is an additional \$1 million per judge.

"We're looking to make sure every penny goes as far as it can," said one of the minority leaders, John Cornyn.

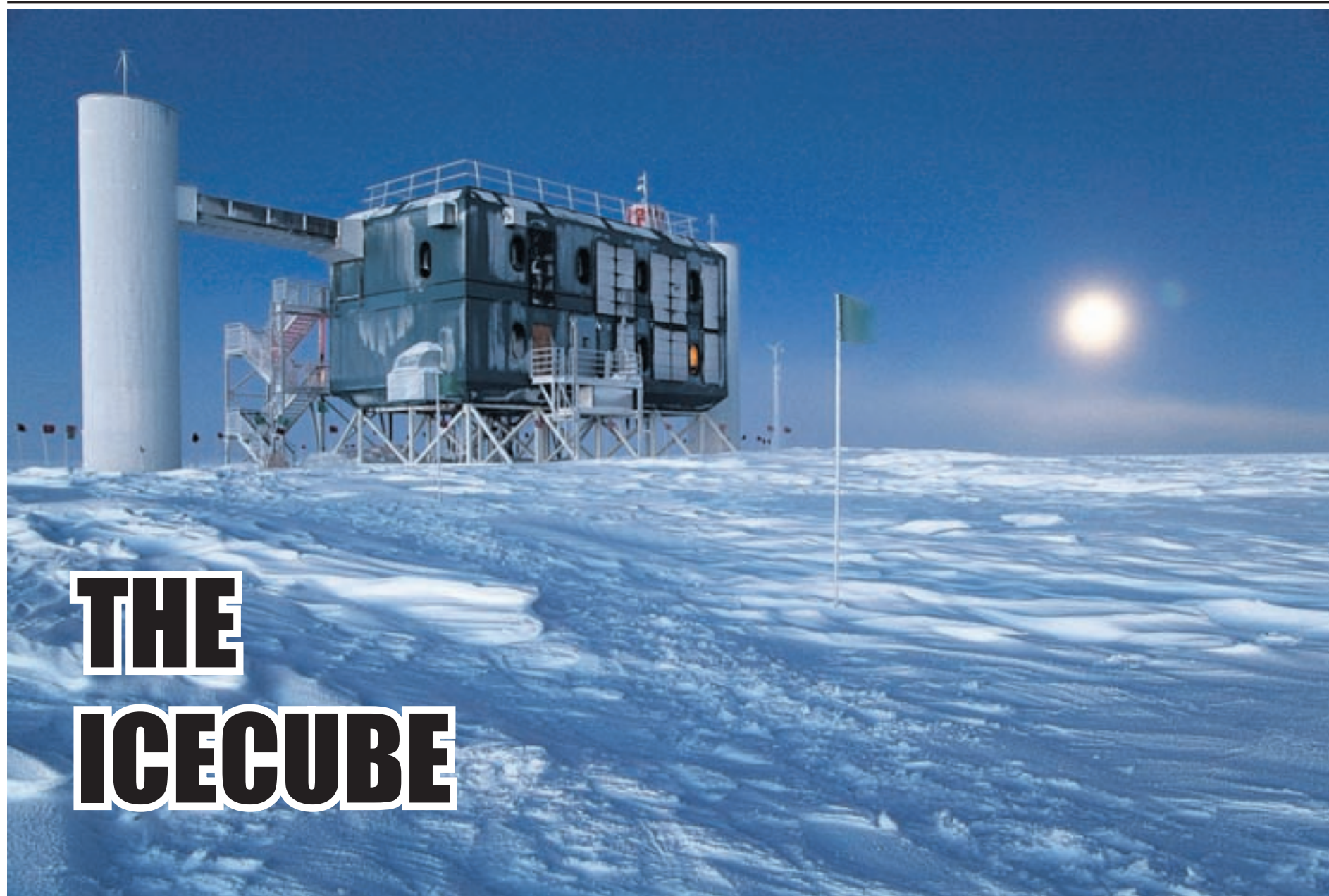
You've got a lot of arguments to arbitrate, American public. Fortunately, I've got the answers.

The Senate should fill the vacancies. Then it can have a nice, reasoned debate about the size of the court when one side doesn't have a ridiculously obvious partisan reason for wanting it smaller.

Three-million dollars is indeed a lot of money. But it's way less than the \$50 million Grassley once tried to get for an indoor rain forest near Des Moines.

And the bottom line is that it's a good thing to give the minority party some muscle to stop bad or extremist nominees from getting lifetime judicial appointments. But we have crossed the line to crazy when the minority party can announce that the woman who argued 32 cases before the Supreme Court can't be on the D.C. Circuit because it's too expensive.

Change the rules. □



THE ICECUBE

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory, the world's largest neutrino detector, at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica. A team of scientists reported on Nov. 21, 2013 that over a two-year period at the lab, they had detected 28 neutrinos that arrived from outside the solar system and possibly from across the universe. (Sven Lidstrom, IceCube/NSF via The New York Times)

Icy Observatory Detects Neutrinos From Outside Our Solar System

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At the bottom of the world, an observatory embedded in ice and designed to catch bountiful but elusive subatomic particles could give astronomers a brand-new look at the universe.

An international team of scientists reported Thursday that over a two-year period they had detected 28 of these particles, known as neutrinos, that arrived from outside the solar system and possibly from across the universe.

"This gives us a new way to do astronomy," said Dr. Francis Halzen, a physics professor at the University of Wisconsin who is the principal investigator for the project, the IceCube Neutrino Observatory. The findings appear in the journal *Science*.

In 1987, neutrino detectors in the United States, Japan and Russia detected two dozen neutrinos that had

originated from a supernova explosion of a star about 165,000 light-years away. That was the first and last time distant neutrinos had been detected until the IceCube observatory started its observations in 2010.

More than 5,000 sensors have been lowered and frozen into a cubic kilometer (about one-quarter cubic mile) of Antarctic ice, looking for flashes of blue light that are given off by the cascades of debris generated by a neutrino.

Neutrinos are ghostlike particles that interact very rarely with the rest of the universe. The fusion reactions that power the sun give off a flood of neutrinos, but almost all of them go undetected and unfelt: Every second, trillions of them pass through every person on Earth.

IceCube, built over a decade at a cost of \$271 million, ignores the solar neu-

trinos but is instead searching for those coming from cataclysmic events elsewhere in the galaxy or even farther away. Until they looked, scientists did not know what they would find. "I actually think the most surprising thing is that they show up when they were expected," Halzen said. The scientists named the newly discovered neutrinos after characters. The two most energetic of the 28 are Bert and Ernie; two others are called Miss Piggy and Snuffleupagus.

In the third year of data, not reported in the *Science* paper, an even more energetic neutrino appeared. That one is called Big Bird. Halzen said some of the 28 might have come from our own Milky Way galaxy, but others originated farther away. "Some of them are certainly extragalactic," he said. IceCube detects only one out of a million neutrinos, which means

that about 28 million neutrinos from outside the solar system passed through during that time.

Because neutrinos so rarely collide with anything, detecting them requires a great deal of material - in the case of IceCube, the vast expanse of ice readily available at the South Pole.

Once in a great while, a neutrino does collide with something, setting off a cascade of electrons and other subatomic debris. Charged particles in a transparent material like ice give off blue light. Phototubes record the bursts of light, and from the patterns, scientists can determine the direction and energy of the incoming neutrinos.

Although IceCube is not tuned to find the low-energy neutrinos from supernovas in the galactic neighborhood, another explosion like the one observed

in 1987 would be a bonanza for IceCube. It would register about 100,000 neutrinos, Halzen said.

Until now, most telescopes have looked at the universe by gathering photons, or particles of light, including lower-energy radio waves, visible light, X-rays and gamma rays.

The very-high-energy neutrinos detected by IceCube open a new spectrum for observing the universe.

With more observations, the scientists hope to be able to determine where the neutrinos originated, whether from black holes or the rapidly rotating burned-out stars known as pulsars.

Dr. John G. Learned, a professor of physics at the University of Hawaii who is not part of the IceCube team, said its conclusion that the 28 neutrinos had come from beyond the solar system was convincing. □